

THE CRUCIBLE

PHI DELTA CHI ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER



2016-2017



EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Brothers,

Welcome to the latest issue of our yearly magazine. What a year it has been! Between threats of "snowpocalypses" to various Brothers ending up on crutches, the 2016-2017 year was fraught with obstacles. But, as most strong families do, we rolled with the punches and came out victorious. Here before your eyes is a record of happy moments which will serve to remind you that even in your darkest moment, you have a loving Brotherhood to turn to for guidance, support and a helping hand.

I hope you enjoy looking through this edition of the Crucible as much as I enjoyed putting it together for you. Enjoy the silly pictures, earnest prose and colorful comments from the mildly frazzled editor. Here's to another successful year that we can proudly look back upon in the upcoming years.

Sincerely,
Pan Nimmanonda
AI 1074
Worthy Prelate

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LETTER FROM THE WCC



First up, a letter from our charismatic leader, Priyan Lad

I am happy to say that Alpha Iota had another successful year. This is all thanks to our Brothers who put in such hard work, dedication, and time into making this year's events fun and memorable.

We started the year off with our annual Summer Retreat in Tugaloo State Park. This was where we planned the upcoming semester, enjoyed some team building exercises, and bonded as a chapter. Whether it was kayaking, hiking, or even playing intense games of Monopoly deal, the Brothers always love catching up after a long summer break.

Up next was LDS in St. Louis, Missouri. Our masterful drivers, Brothers Ryan and Alex, drove all ten of us in a huge 14-seater van all the way from Atlanta to St. Louis, while the rest of us caught up on sleep. The trip over there was full of silliness, hijinks and a few pokes, but the real fun started when we got to St. Louis! From hanging out with our buddy chapter Alpha Rho, to going up to the top of the arch, we definitely made the most of our time in St. Louis. At the seminar, we had the pleasure of meeting new Brothers, and getting to learn from other chapters. To top it all off, we found that Alpha Iota had placed 3rd for our publication and 5th for Brotherhood. We even managed to snag 11th place in the Thurston Cup!

Then came fall and all the excitement that comes with rush. This is always the most exciting time for the Brothers. Our rush events included trivia at Saucehouse, an ice cream party at the pharmacy building, and our traditional cookout at Memorial Park. Our WIG, Bernard, and WMA, Gabby, did an excellent job reeling in the best from the first year class. This year we welcomed eighteen new Brothers, and I could not be happier with what they have done so far. They are motivated and determined to give back to the fraternity and strive to make Alpha Iota the best it can possibly be. I look forward to what the fu-

ture has in store for them and the new heights they are going to reach!

After securing our new pledge class, we dove into our busy fall schedule. With that much to do, oh the places you'll run...around UGA that is. Bright and early on an October morning, we held our most popular philanthropic event--the Dr. Seuss themed St. Jude 5k Run/Walk. From all the whimsical signs to the book drive for children, we were able to raise a substantial amount of money for St. Jude while having fun and getting much needed exercise. Our professional/service committee prepared many educational materials to hand out as well as interactive poster board presentations on various topics such as nutrition and heart health.

With Brother Emily at the helm of the fundraising committee, the 5k was not our only money raising success. With their innovative ideas and bringing back old products such as the infamous Professor Greenspan t-shirts, our fundraising committee broke new barriers by raising over \$2,000.

At the end of the fall semester we had our Winter Holiday potluck where Brother's brought their favorite holiday foods. From stuffing and cornbread to tasty desserts like apple tart, the Brothers ate themselves into food comas. To make this potluck even better, we also held our Jersey/Paddle reveal. It was so much fun seeing all the cool and creative paddles the Littles made for their Bigs, but it was even more fun seeing all the pledge names that were chosen for them.

What followed the month long winter break is my personal favorite event: Winter Retreat. It's a great time for all the Brother's to get together in the cozy mountains playing games, watching movies, and spend quality time together before the semester picks back up. Unfortunately, Georgia had another episode of mass panic as a whole two inches of snow tumbled onto our

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WITHOUT THE SUPPORT FROM OUR ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND BROTHERS, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES BEING A BROTHER OF PHI DELTA CHI SUCH AND HONOR.

Priyan Lad

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city and brought our plans to a halt. But that did not stop Alpha Iota from having the best impromptu retreat ever. We all got together at my apartment that Friday and had a blast. Our WKRS's, Cassandra Clark, efforts for planning all of retreat did not go astray as she and her talented sous-chef Jackleen Fan and Rachel Darsey made an unlimited supply of the most delicious spaghetti, salad, and breadsticks. Even though we were all cramped up in our small, little apartment, we all still were able to have our fair share of fun. We continued with our mini-retreat at the first chapter of the semester. We had all the committees get together and plan their events for the semester. We were even able to take our classic group picture with everyone, including the satellite campus Brothers, in their jerseys. Due to the success of this Chapter-retreat, I decided to continue having committee meetings during chapter to increase productivity and save the Brothers some time. As an added bonus, the Brothers that had to endure these longer chapters provided incentive in the form of Chick-fil-a, American Deli and much more.

Beyond serving the needs of the Brotherhood, the Brothers of Alpha Iota also love giving back to those that help us. Whether it is for our wonderful faculty and staff or the Athens community that makes our city much more enjoyable, we do our part to help them in return. Every year we hold a Faculty and Staff Appreciation Breakfast to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to our education. Our Brother's cooked up a vast assortment of delicacies from homemade buttermilk pancakes to award winning scrambled eggs. We all enjoyed spending this morning catching up with our faculty and staff and enjoying a good meal together. Speaking of mornings, on two Saturdays each semester, the Brothers get up bright and early to help participate in Adopt-a-Highway. Alpha Iota has adopted a segment of Timothy Road, and it is our responsibility to make sure that we keep it clean. Although picking up trash on a Saturday morning does not sound too ap-



Together we stand (even at 8am on a Saturday)

pealing, we reward ourselves by getting brunch together at IHOP to brag about the treasures that we found that morning.

In an effort to further boost our outreach, we brought back RadioRx, a weekly radio talk show where Brothers would spend 30 minutes on WUOG 90.5FM talking about a healthcare related topic that was both entertaining and relevant to the Athens community. From busting myths about the common cold to educating people about STIs, our Brothers had loads of fun doing this and got to experience being on the radio live! We love the folks at Talmage Terrace, a senior living facility, where we get to go make a presentation about a healthcare topic such as diabetes or OTC products and play bingo with them and get a chance to win prizes such as lotion and cookies. We always love seeing

the smiles that we bring by just spending a couple hours with the seniors of Athens.

To wrap up this exciting year, the four nations of the Southeast region got together for Alpha Iota's Avatar themed Southeastern Regional Olympics (SERO). Brothers from Delta Delta and Alpha Rho joined us in our endeavors as we played action packed games like capture the flag to mind challenging escape the room. After a tiresome day of nonstop games, we all meet up at Rooker Hall to enjoy a tasty dinner catered by Taziki's, the award ceremony, and pictures from throughout the day. A special thanks goes out to our WVC Michelle Vu and the SERO committee for making this event such a great success.

While this rollercoaster may have come to an end, I am proud of our accomplishments in battling the challenges that

we faced throughout the year and enjoyed the high points of the year. I am always thoroughly impressed by the talents our Brother's bring to Alpha Iota to make each event more spectacular than ever. After all, "Each Needs the Help of the Other" and that is the motto that we all standby. Without the support from our alumni, faculty, and Brothers, none of this would have been possible, and that is what makes being a Brother of Phi Delta Chi such and honor.

◆ Priyan Lad ◆
AI 1049
Worthy Chief Counselor



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I WAS, BUT ALSO PROVIDED AN ENVIRONMENT FOR
#ME#... TO BECOME A LEADER.
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BROTHERHOOD

Who better to tell you about Alpha Iota than our very own "Brother of the Year", the illustrious and ever so slightly disinhibited Gabby Do.

A "brotherhood" was never something I thought I would ever find myself a part of. I grew up with two younger sisters and was not involved in Greek life in college. Although I had friends, I had always viewed myself as an independent person, and going into pharmacy school, I expected that to remain the same. The idea of brotherhood seemed elusive. But I was very wrong.

Brotherhood opened my eyes. With the pressures of pharmacy school and the relentless and unexpected kindness from Phi Delta Chi Brothers and fellow pledges, I lowered my guard. In doing so, I was met with acceptance and support. At the start of pharmacy school, I was at a low point in my life. Yet through thick and thin, the Brothers were there for me even if they did not know it. Brother Michelle would text me often just to ask if school or life was going all right. Brother Hannah would invite me over dinner dates. Brother Bernard would drive me to my car since I parked off campus. When I needed someone to study with, Brothers would show up with coffee and snacks to study late nights with me, especially Brother Emily. When I had a particularly rough day, I was crying, and Brother TK comforted me. Brothers stayed around just to make sure I was okay, and we all went out for dinner together to lift my spirits. All these actions, big and little, were just some of things Brothers did for me although I was never deserving of their kindness and support.

Brotherhood made me grow. The Brothers not only accepted me for who I am, but also provided an environment for a quiet individual, like myself, to become a leader. Brothers saw something in me that I never saw in myself. I was volunteered by

my fellow pledges to serve as pledge class treasurer. As Brothers relied on me or came to me for advice, it truly humbled me. Everyone encouraged me to run for positions not only to give back to the fraternity, but also challenge myself and develop as a Brother and leader.

Brotherhood is something I tried to teach serving as Worthy Master-as-Arms. I tried to put into words how brotherhood worked and how it made me feel because in each and every pledge I wanted it so badly to reflect. Being so invested in fraternity, I felt the process of transitioning pledges to brothers was very emotional for me at times. When I struggled balancing work and school, Brother Anthony stepped up to cover shifts at work for me. When I doubted myself, my Worthy Inner Guard Bernard was always by my side supporting me. The WMAs, Jacqueline and Trinh, and WIGs, David and Sean, who came before me never failed to reach out and provide advice.

Brotherhood is something I hope to preserve. As Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals, each time I call roll at Chapter, I see the names of each active Brother and I remember the experiences I have had with each one. I remember trying new baking recipes with Brother Pan, exploring music tastes with Brother John, and celebrating nights that never seemed to end with Brother Haley. This list of names is ever changing, as we send off fourth year Brothers and add new Brothers to our Fraternity. I know one day, my name will disappear from this list as I move on as an alumnus. But no matter where I go, I will always be a Brother, and I will never forget what brotherhood as taught me.

AAAE,
♣ Gabby Do ♣



GABBY DO WORTHY MASTER-AT-ARMS, HALEY COOK WORTHY ALUMNI LIAISON, CASSANDRA CLARK WORTHY KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEALS, PRIYAN LAD WORTHY CHIEF COUNSELLOR, MICHELLE VU WORTHY VICE COUNSELLOR, JOHN LE WORTHY KEEPER OF FINANCE, PAN NIMMANONDA WORTHY PEP-LATE, BERNARD HSIA WORTHY BARR GUARD, SARAH YOO WORTHY CORRESPONDENT



JASON FLANDERS, HUDA ABDI, RUCHITA AMIN, JOE ANGELINI, KALEY CORLEY



HANNAH KEITH, DAVID KIM, HYUN KIM, NATALIE LABRADOR, JACQUELINE LIU



BRITTANY THOMPSON, TU TRINH TRAN, DREW WATKINS, NATHAN WAYNE, JENNY WOO



KIM BA, DAVID BAILEY, VAN SUI, ANGELINA CHO, RACHEL DARSEY



JUSTIN MOORE, SARAH NGUYEN, TIFFANY PARK, PARIN PATEL, ROSALYN REESE, RYAN SHIN, TIFFANY SOMERVILLE, SHELLEY YANG, CHARLES ZHU, ANNIE LEE, JOANNA LEE, ANTHONY ADEJOJO, ARIELLE CHARLES, WEN CHEN, HANNAH COLE



GABRIELLE COSTELLO, JENNIFER DINH, DENNIA ERNEST, THU-KIM PHAN, EMILY TANG, AMANDA ZHANG, SHANNON ALEXANDER, ANDREA AMPUERO, STEVE CHO, JOSH CHOI, CHRISTINA CHOW, ETI EBONG, AMIA GHIL, MAEGAN HALL



CASSANDRA HENRY, MEGAN MOORE, EZIMMA NNYAGU, ANEET PATEL, REBECCA PHAN



MATT PERRI ADVISOR, RANDALL TACKETT ADVISOR, KEITH HERIST ADVISOR, ASHLEY HANNINGS ADVISOR



JIM BRUCKNER FACULTY, WARREN BEACH FACULTY, MICHAEL BARTLETT FACULTY, AMBER CLEMMONS FACULTY



STEPHANIE SORRELL, SHELLEY TAU, ANN TRUONG, CHET WISEMAN, LING YANG



SHAILY DOSHI, VIDHI DOSHI, SEAN HAWKINS, NADERIA HUSSEIN, YOUNG JEONG



DYLANA LU, JESSICA MARSHALL, RACHEL PETERS, ANDREW QUACH, GAIL SMITH



HEARI YU, DAWANNA CUYLER, AMANDA COLPETZER, ANDREW RUSSELL, MARIN ABOUSAUD

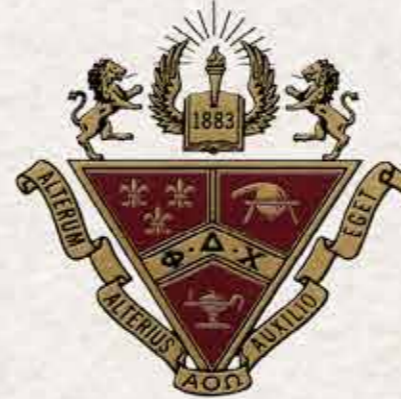


JACKLEEN FAN, REGINA GIM, CHRISTINA HUYNH, MICHELLE KHO, ALEX LAM



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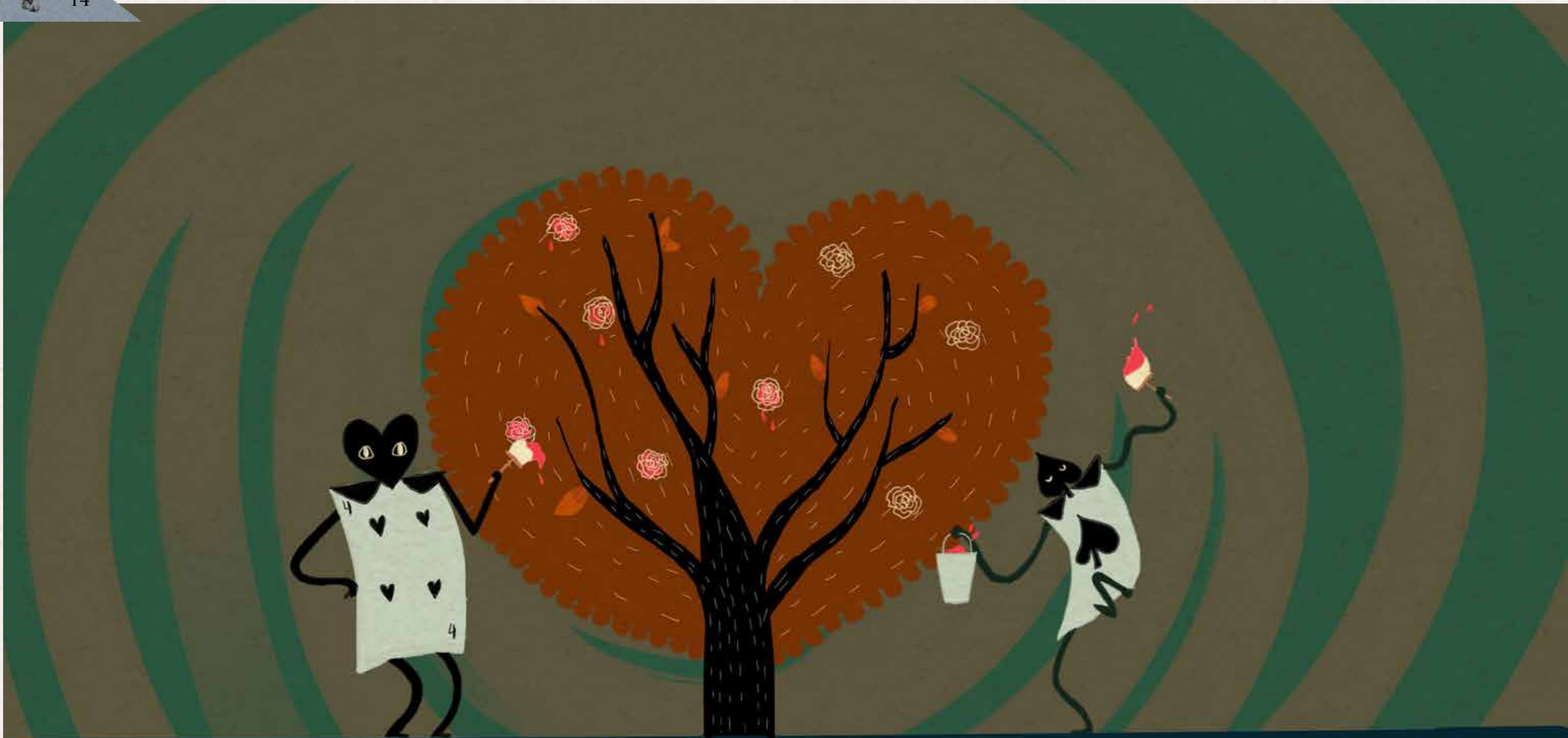
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LEADERSHIP

OUTGOING OFFICERS



PRIYAN LAD

Serving as WCC has been quite the rollercoaster ride and one that I definitely enjoyed. From having a blast at LDS to being snowed in for Winter Retreat, I know that in the end it was all worth it. I am fortunate for this opportunity and for the experience that I have gained as a leader but it all would not have been possible without the help and support of my fellow Brothers. I am proud of all that we have accomplished this year and excited to see what new heights Alpha Iota will reach next year.



CASSANDRA CLARK

It has been an honor this past year as WKRS. We were faced with many challenges this year, one being having to change plans significantly for Winter Retreat due to inclement weather. Even so, the Brothers came together and persevered. We were still able to enjoy retreat, strengthening our bonds with one another. I would not have been able to get as far as I have without the loving support of my Brothers. My hope for the Chapter is that we will continue to build a strong foundational support system, setting aside from any differences we may have. *Alterum Alterius Auxilo Eget.*

MICHELLE VU

Being WVC this past year has given me a new appreciation of the Alpha Iota Brotherhood. We've faced our fair share of challenges from rush season to [non]inclement weather. I really appreciate all that our chapter has taught me about others and myself. The biggest lesson that I've learned is to focus on the positive! I've really enjoyed helping the chapter through our traditions and SERO and wish the new leaders all the best!



SARAH YOO

Serving as the WC this past year has made me appreciate all the work our Brothers have done. We try hard each year to do better for each other and I only hope that my time served has helped Alpha Iota. I welcome all the Brothers of the new board to rise up to the challenge and do us proud!



JOHN LE

I've enjoyed being WKE, this school year. It's been a fun ride from opening venmo to running the free to breathe fundraiser. I'm glad people finally recognize the hardships i go through constantly. I know my roomie and good friend, Chetformin, will keep up the good work. He's pretty good managing his money in Animal Crossing so I hope that will reflect in PDC. Jokes aside, I hope this position will continue to grow and I know Chet will be amazing at it.

PAN NIMMANONDA

Serving as this year's WP has been a unique experience and a wonderful creative outlet for me. I am happy to have accomplished my goal of cleaning up our chapter website and increasing our web presence. I hope this edition of the publication speaks to the amount of care and effort I put into each of my endeavors. To my extremely enthusiastic successor, Ann, I wish you all the best and look forward to see what you can accomplish in the upcoming year.



BERNARD HSIA

This past year as WIG has been a really rewarding and humbling experience. Be it good or bad, I learned a lot about myself and about my brothers as well. I also had the privilege to work with the ILLUSTRIOUS Gabby. We set out with the goal of bringing in a class that was motivated, ambitious, involved and capable of carrying on the values of our fraternity; and I believe that we accomplished that. There were good times and there bad times, but it was a year full of growth.



GABBY DO

As much as I will miss planning rush events, I am more than happy to pass on the torch to Megan. Serving as WMA has been marked by a lot of hard work and as well as great reward, the best being getting to know the pledges (especially my little Ann). I have also learned a lot about myself, my fellow Brothers, and the most supportive WIG ever, Bernard. I hope to pass on any knowledge I may have and help in any way I can as we look forward to our incoming pledge class this fall.



INCOMING OFFICERS



BERNARD HSIA

My vision for our chapter, since day one, was to focus on our Brotherhood and our connection to each other. Somewhere along the line, I feel that we lost our way and this upcoming year, I want to focus on bringing back the camaraderie. I am extremely excited to be working with everyone on the exec board to create an environment that fosters the growth of newer Brothers and promotes the development of leaders. It's going to be a rough ride and there's going to be hardships, but I can't wait to see how we can overcome them together!



GABBY DO

I'm looking forward to planning summer and winter retreat and making sure everyone has a great time! I am excited to focus my efforts on getting Brothers involved and making memories that will last long past pharmacy school.

ARIELLE CHARLES

I'm excited to bring our brotherhood and reach our professional potential. Our chapter is in for a great year of growing.



JOHN LE

I'm honored to be on exec board again. Hopefully I can follow in Sarah and Cassandra's great footsteps and continue improving our Thurston rankings. And be the very best, like no one ever was.



CHET WISEMAN

I'm looking forward to managing our money this year! I am hoping to utilize our funds toward as many cool opportunities as possible!



MEGAN MOORE

I am looking forward to the start of a new year. I can't wait to meet and recruit new pharmacy students who are involved and hard working. And I am excited about being more of a family within our brotherhood. I think that helping PDC grow and flourish starts with pledges and I'm so thankful for the opportunity to work with Steve to seek out those who will positively impact us all.

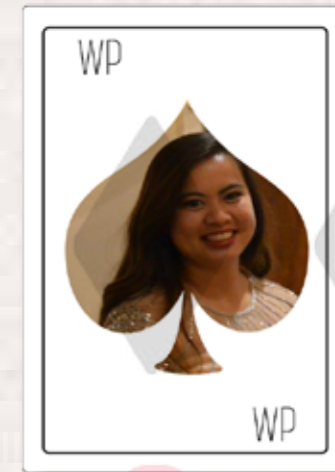
ANTHONY ADEOJO

Being named WAL, Worthy Alumni Liaison for the Alpha Iota chapter is a grand honor and privilege. I am most looking forward to getting more acquainted with the Brothers that have left this chapter and hearing the vision that they had for the Alpha Iota chapter and working with the other executive members to achieve a better, more professional fraternity.



ANN TRUONG

I am so honored to have been chosen for this position, and I am grateful for the support and encouragement from all of the brothers. I know that Pan has done great things with her role as Prelate, and I plan to follow her path while also incorporating some of my own ideas along the way! I want to do my best to develop quality content, whether it be through writing, photography, or videography, to represent the Alpha Iota chapter well. We have a strong executive board, and I'm looking forward to work alongside them. We have an amazing year ahead of us!



STEVE CHO

This first year has seen its ups and downs, but it was extremely fulfilling. I am excited as the WIG to guide new pledges next year and put them in the best position for them to succeed. I look forward to creating new memories and experiences with our brothers.



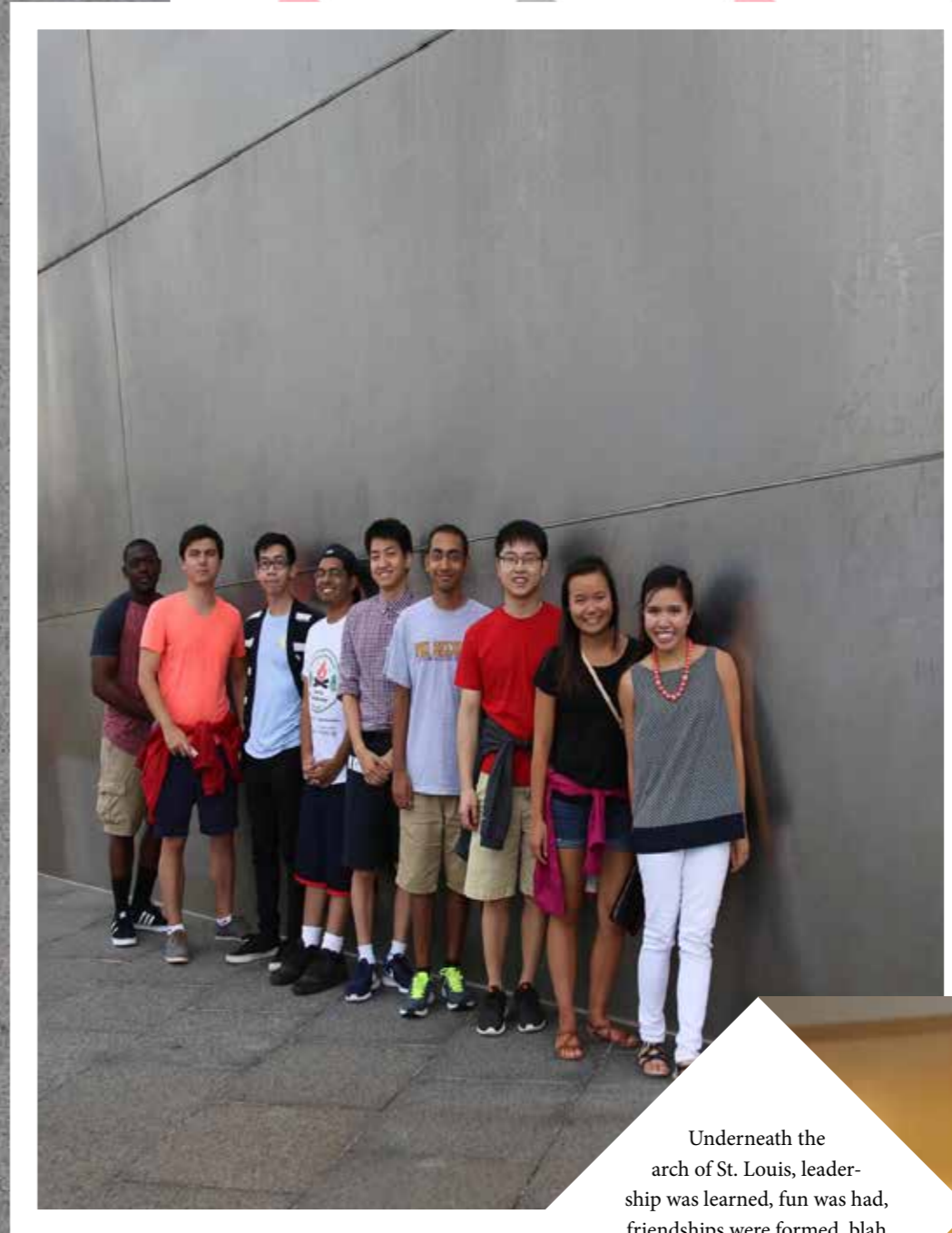
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

That's one small step for PDC and one giant arch in St. Louis

THIS WAY TO THE ARCH

reconvened

CITY ARCH RIVER



Underneath the arch of St. Louis, leadership was learned, fun was had, friendships were formed. blah blah inspirational stuff





To show that they did indeed go to St. Louis, the team went in search of the arch, and an arch they found. Here is one particularly artsy view of the monument.

The 16th Leadership Development Seminar (LDS) was held from August 3 – 7 in my hometown of St. Louis, Missouri. Whenever I visit, it never feels as exciting as it did when I was a ten-year old. However, this time, accompanied by Alpha Iota Brothers Ryan Shin, Anthony Adejo, Alex Lam, Parin Patel, Bernard Hsia, Priyan Lad, Gabby Do, and David Bailey, I was able to appreciate my city and the Brotherhood in a whole new way.

I flew into the city earlier in the week, but the other Brothers rented a 15-passenger van and had the road trip of their lives from Atlanta, Georgia. It's been shown that groups tend to bond when they sing together over other ice-breaker activities, and the Brothers in the van bonded over Disney songs and R. Kelly's "World's Greatest," taking sleeping pictures and coming up with strange would-you-rather scenarios.

A week seems long on paper, but time flies when each of your days is bursting with activity. The first LDS activity was to build our dream Olympic team, which introduced us to the talents of the Brothers from other regions. We also got to fulfill one of our dreams- meeting the Grand Poobah. The seminars taught us the basics of being a leader. In between these were smaller breakout sessions where we were able to find our values, interests, and strengths. Through these activities, I learned how important it is for all members of an organization to balance these qualities to feel both challenged and secure.

Brother Ryan Shin, driver extraordinaire and tour guide, planned our extracurricular adventures. We explored St. Louis through ghost tours of downtown, barbecue at Pappy's with the Brothers of Alpha Rho, and bar-hopping at Ballpark Village. I also took my fellow Brothers on a trip down memory lane by visiting some landmarks I remember fondly from when I was growing up in St. Louis. We visited the Arch, ate the best frozen custard in world at Ted Drewe's, and stopped by casino on our way back to the hotel. My favorite part of

the trip was the Brotherly bonding after the various activities of the day. Every night, the Brothers would walk through the streets of downtown St. Louis, looking for Pokemon and taking in the sights and smells of the horse carriages. All ten of us sat in a hotel room eating St. Louis- style pizza, toasted ravioli, and mini burgers and discussed the direction our chapter was taking and how we hoped to use what we learned at LDS as a guide.

Before we packed up to go home, the icing on the cake to our whole experience came at the banquet when we won fifth place in brotherhood, third place for our publication, and eleventh place overall. Then, after spending a memorable week basking in the kindness of Brothers and strangers (thanks, man at White Castle drive-through who bought us forty burgers!!), meeting Ralph Saroyan, and appreciating the unique talents of each Brother, we said our bittersweet goodbyes. Thanks to my Brothers, St. Louis is just as magical and even more worthwhile to visit than I remember it being.

♥ Michelle Vu ♥

Brothers Michelle and Priyan with the publication award. Priyan is displaying unabashed joy at winning 3rd place.



HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP!

Going to LDS taught our Brothers some valuable lessons about effective leadership, but the entire learning experience was not limited to the conference rooms. These are some things beyond the seminars that got the Brothers excited.

- Meeting the Grand Poobah!
- Getting to interact with Brothers from other chapters and making new friends
- Bonus side adventure in St. Louis during free time
- Found some new ideas for Brotherhood activities during chapter
- We won something

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

Alpha Iota chapter is full of leaders and scholars. Here are some of our accomplishments this year!



LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Below are the various positions held by our

ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS

Justin Moore - American College of Clinical Pharmacy Student, Georgia Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, Phi Lambda Sigma

Marin Abousaud - Student National Pharmaceutical Association

Ann Truong - Association of Pre-Pharmacy Students (Mercer University)

ORGANIZATION VICE-PRESIDENTS

Priyan Lad - Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

Marin Abousaud - Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

Justin Moore - Academy of Student Pharmacists

Annie Lee - Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International

ORGANIZATION TREASURERS & SECRETARIES

Angelina Cho - Treasurer for Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

Jennifer Dinh - Secretary for Student National Pharmaceutical Association

David Kim - Secretary for Phi Lambda Sigma

ORGANIZATION CHAIRS

John Le - Media Chair for Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy

Michelle Vu - Education Chair for Georgia Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists

Bernard Hsia - Power to End Stroke Chair for Student National Pharmaceutical Association

Priyan Lad & Sarah Yoo - Fundraising Chairs for Student National Pharmaceutical Association



2017 PHI LAMBDA SIGMA INITIATES

- Bernard Hsia
- Gabby Do
- Haley Cook
- Arielle Charles
- John Le

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BASED ON LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

Priyan Lad - William F. "Dobby" Nathaniel Distinguished Student Scholarship

Alex Lam - Kroger Endowed Scholarship

Justin Moore - American College of Clinical Pharmacy Ambulatory Care Practice and Research Network Student Travel Award, Senator Buddy Carter Distinguished Leadership Endowment

Ann Truong - Grace and Kenneth L. Waters Scholarship

Michelle Vu - Jun Family Achievement Scholarship

LEAD DAWG AWARD

The Lead Dawg Award is given each year to a student who displays leadership qualities and significantly contributes to the College, profession and community.

This year's Lead Dawg recipient was:



OUR NEW RHO CHI INITIATES!

- Gabby Do
- Dennia Ernest
- Haley Cook

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

17%
OF THE BROTHERS
HAVE A PERFECT
4.0

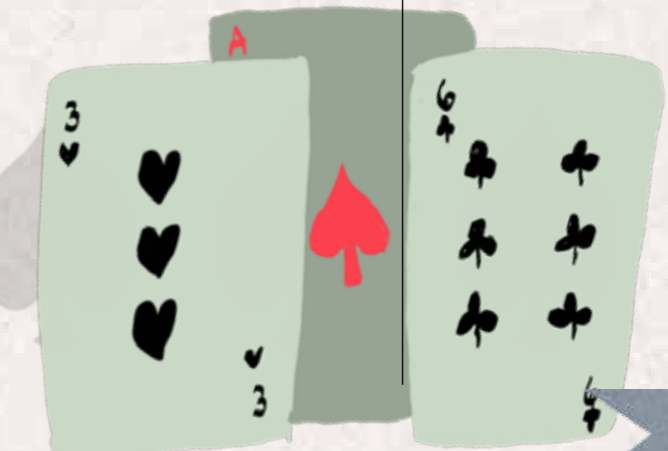
DEAN'S LIST
63%
OF THE BROTHERS
HAVE AT LEAST A
3.5 GPA

27% OF THE ACTIVE BROTHERS ARE RHO CHI SCHOLARS

3.53
IS THE AVERAGE
GPA FOR THE P1-P3
CLASS

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO BROTHERS

- Jun Family Achievement Scholarship
- Zell-Miller Scholarship
- Grace and Kenneth Waters Scholarship
- William F. "Dobby" Nathaniel Distinguished Student Scholarship
- Walgreens Diversity Scholarship
- Kroger Endowed Scholarship
- College of Pharmacy Faculty Scholarship
- Kaiser Permanente Scholarship
- Albert W Jowdy Scholarship
- Publix Scholarship
- Albert W. Jowdy Scholarship
- John Avery Smith Scholarship



STUDY BROTHER OF THE WEEK 2016 - 2017

The Study Brother is awarded the the Brother who made a significant scholastic achievement or was the most helpful to other Brothers in their studies.



08/22
DYLANA LU



08/29
HALEY COOK



09/06
ARIELLE CHARLES



09/19
MICHELLE KHO



09/26
GABBY DO



10/03
TIFFANY SOMERVILLE



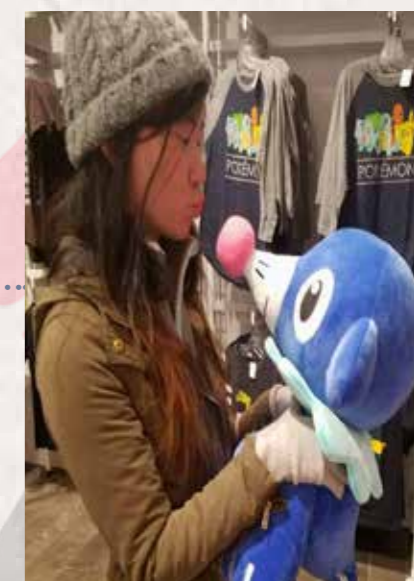
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ANGELINA CHO



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BERNARD HSIA



10/31
CHARLES ZHU



11/07
EMILY TANG

STUDY BROTHER OF THE WEEK 2016 - 2017

Meet the hardworkers and over-achievers that contribute to the academic success of the fraternity



11/14
ETI EBONG



01/23
MEGAN MOORE



02/06
MAEGAN HALL



02/13
CASSANDRA HENRY



02/27
THU- KIM PHAN



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ANDREA AMPUERO



BIANNUAL PDC STUDY PARTY



Each semester before the doom and gloom of finals, the Scholarship Chair (above: Brother Shannon) hosts a study party that lets the Brothers come together to study. What a better way to

boost morale at the end of the semester than free food, and a peaceful study atmosphere? Study hard, Brothers! Vacation time is almost upon us.



Brother Maegan Hall attempts to study while an enthusiastic camerawoman snaps pictures of her. Off in the distance, someone looks studious but is actually on Facebook.

Each year around finals week, the atmosphere is gloomy. Brothers are stressed about various assignments and the gradual dipping of the dreaded GPA. A study party that comes with the promise of food is a welcome solace at this miserable point of the semester.

Beyond sharing notes with each other in our class-specific Facebook groups, the Brothers rarely get to study together and share ideas. The study group gives the Brothers a chance to give and get advice on how to succeed in pharmacy school. This is especially important for the particularly notorious classes like Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacology that claim the sanity of a significant amount of the student body each year.

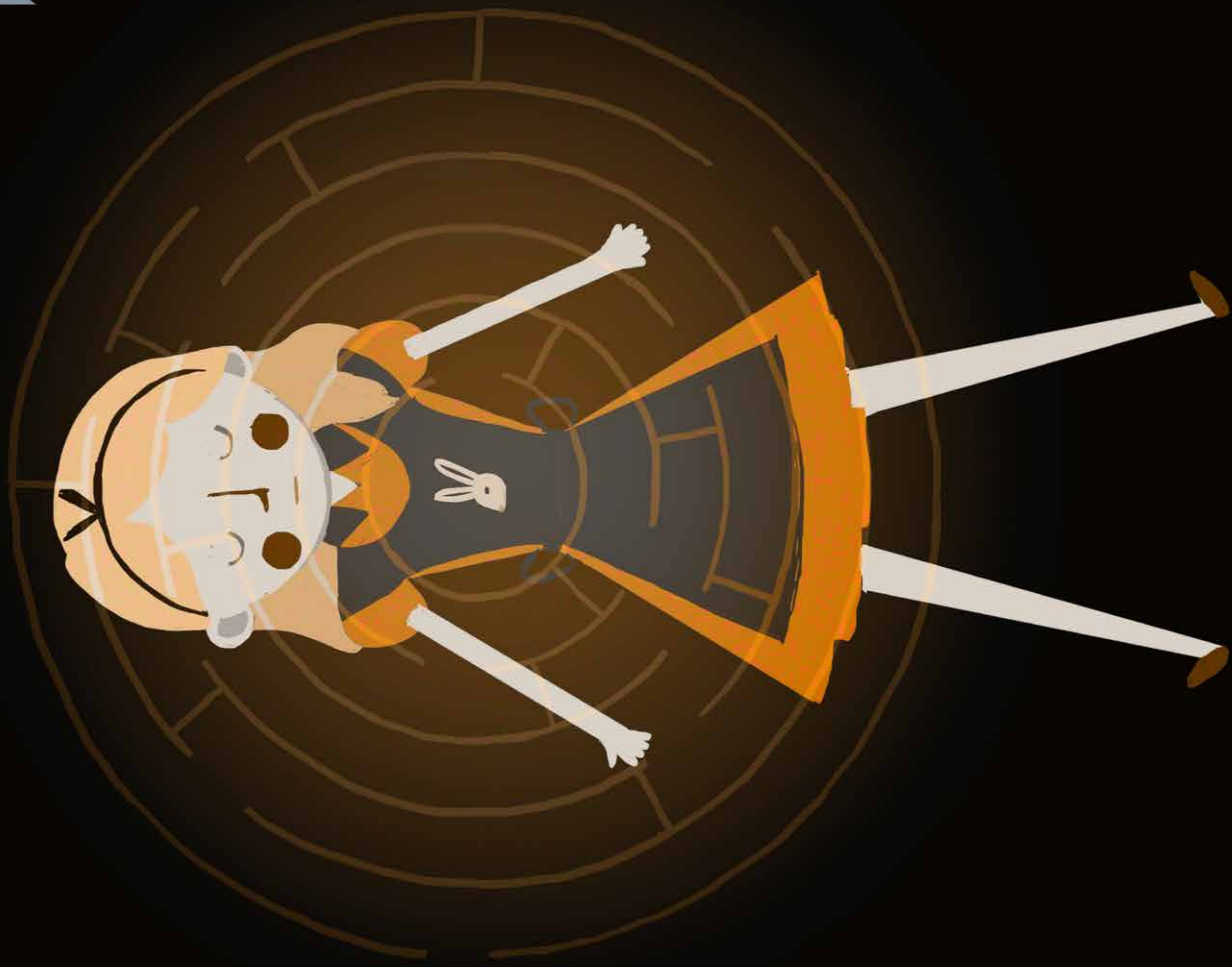
Despite all of the academic benefits a study party has, it also provides another significant benefit. It gives us an excuse to hang out with each other- and that's always a plus in my book.

♠ Pan Nimmanonda ♠



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THERE'S FOOD?
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Anonymously hungry Brother



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RUSHING PDC IS AS EASY AS...

Each school year brings a sea of new faces to the College of Pharmacy. Our rush events are a perfect way to welcome the incoming class into our loving pharmily.



TRIVIA NIGHT @ SAUCEHOUSE BBQ

“Are you guys ready?”

It was the morning of the first rush event, and a small band of us gathered outside of the first year class room, cellophane goody bags in hand and friendly, but nervous smiles plastered across our faces. This was it. The moment that we had been anticipating since the beginning of the summer. The new year had arrived and with it, came plenty of fresh faces. All we had to do was convince the first years to come to our event, despite the forecasted rain. We swooped into the classroom and handed out the goody bags.

“Hey, we are from PDC. Please remember to come to our first rush event today,” we said.

Then it was back to class for us. All we could do was wait with our fingers crossed during the hours ahead.

The venue was held at Saucehouse Barbeque, a modern barbeque joint that channeled the charm of small town Georgia with its wooden décor, hand-drawn art and pristine red-checked table cloths. It was a charming place that would have been even more cozy if we took away the mini monsoon that was hitting Athens that evening. The trivia questions were ready, the food was filed along a lengthy table in uniform metal bins and the brothers waited with bated breath for the first rushee to arrive. Luckily, despite the weather's best efforts, we drew in quite the crowd. The rushees filed in, some in groups, some alone, drawn in by the savory aroma of green bean casserole, mac n cheese and juicy pulled pork that filled the air. Brothers came from over the state of Georgia to cordially welcome the 24 potential brothers that showed up that day.

Brothers and potential rushees gathered around the tables with flimsy plates that were bending from the weight of the meats and sauces. There was a large range of potential brothers who joined. It was interesting getting to know everyone's story. After our tummies were nice and full, we played a competitive game of trivia. The game consisted of 21 questions ranging from pop culture to pharmacy knowledge. The winning team was team “Lantus”, named after the star of the show, a handsome service dog whose name drew squeals of geeky, pharmacy delight throughout the evening. We chatted a while after the gaming ceased, and then our guests were given a beautiful hand burned “PDC Rush 2016” wooden coaster as a sign of our gratitude for spending their evening with us.

♥ Haley Cook and Pan Nimmanonda ♥



ICE CREAM SOCIAL @ COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

On August 23rd, the Alpha Iota chapter of Phi Delta Chi held its second rush event: an ice cream social! As the name may suggest, the event featured many tubs of sweet, cold, creamy ice cream and enough candy to put a sweets shop out of business. We set up shop just outside of the lab, hoping to catch some hungry P1s as they were coming out of lecture. What a better way to spread the word about Phi Delta Chi than with free ice cream on a hot day?

The Brothers had arranged the ice cream table perfectly to display all the different flavors and toppings that the PDC hopefuls could choose from. On the far left were the assortment of ice cream flavors that were served by Brother Arielle Charles with a side of her radiant smile. Next to her, the dynamic duo, Brothers Thu-Kim Phan and John Le, were in charge of toppings and screening for food allergies. The meticulously arranged table ended with an unmanned section of cookies to be used by the Rushees for the “secret” event.

The faces of the potential Brothers shone with excitement as they poured in to treat themselves to a much needed snack break. The ecstatic Worthy Master at Arms Gabby Do rushed in to greet and guide the Rushees to the beginning of this sugary wonderland. In almost an instant, the event was filled with sounds of chatter and laughing. Brother Gabby shortly called for attention to let the Rushees know that this event would be composed of 2 parts: a cookie decoration contest with Brothers TK, Anthony, Haley, and Emily followed by a video competition. Some of the Rushees took to other Brothers and worked together to create cookie masterpieces. There were many entrees, but in the end Rushee Meagan Hall won for her unique and creative twist on the classic chocolate chip cookie sandwich with sprinkles.

After Meagan was given her award, the dessert video competition began! Four groups were formed, and they set off to make the best dessert. Soon, the groups came back with multiple dishes and the judging began. There were two winners for this contest, but it is important to acknowledge the honorable mention. Brother Arielle experienced technical difficulties when presenting her dish, but she did not let that hold her team back as she narrated and sang the background music for her group. Her beautiful performance captured the hearts of many and won her and her team the honorable mention. The winner went to the group led by Megan Moore, which consisted of Gabby Do, Jennifer Dinh, Ling Yang, Rosalyn Reese and Aneet Patel.

♠ Anthony Adejo ♠



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RUSH 3- COOKOUT WITH THE BROTHERS

The cookout at Memorial Park is a traditional Alpha Iota event. Brothers and PDC hopefuls (and sometimes just hungry people from school) come and join us for some grilled tidbits and games. The outdoor environment invites gameplay and conversation. Everyone leaves smelling a little smokey, but with a full stomach and plenty of new friends.

COOKOUT @ MEMORIAL PARK

The third and final rush event was our traditional cookout at Memorial Park. It was the perfect venue to host our final attempt to get to know the rushees before some of them become pledges. Many of the brothers came early to help set up and start cooking before the rushees came, while others came early just for moral support. Brothers Charles Zhu, David Bailey, Hannah Cole, and Michelle Vu were the grill-masters for the night.

Other Brothers were encouraged to disperse to the scattered clumps of nervous pledges and make themselves available to any questions that a rushee may have. Brothers sat at different tables and got to know several of the rushees better. The

life of the party may have been the special guests that were brought by the Brothers. Brother David Kim brought his white fluff ball of joy named Lilly, and Brother T.K. Phan brought her precious sunshine, Chico. One of the rushees also brought the now minor celebrity, Lantus. The presence of the adorable canines put both rushees and Brothers at ease and invited conversation. Many rushees would come over to pet a dog, and the conversations just followed. Chico even took one Brother on a walk. Yes, he walks you. You do not walk Chico.

Brother TK and Brother Rachel Darsey's Birthday also happened to fall on the same day. A "Happy Birthday" song, led by Brother Michelle Vu was sung for the now older pledges. Brother Gabby Do also surprised us with a handmade and creepily iced birthday cake!

Later on, when things got a little quiet, Brother Arielle Charles decided that a photoshoot displaying her finesse and sexiness was most appropriate, and yes, we have quite a few pictures from this im-

promptu shoot. However, it is not a PDC party until someone other than our WP Pan Nimmanonda, takes charge of the camera and ruins it all with her blurry photos. It all ended well though as Brother Pan gets the camera back and takes more amazing photos. The night concluded with the rushee, now Brother Steve Cho, who brought out a hacky sack, so naturally, the Brothers showed off their athletic skills. The game lasted long after the rush event ended, but it was the perfect ending to an evening filled with new friends and great food. Note: No dogs were hurt or stolen during this event.

♣️ Thu-Kim Phan ♣️



Nobody finesse quite like Brother Arielle Charles. Above is a demonstration of her skill. Somebody call Vogue.



From the editor: These scrumptious little darlings were the stars of the show. The pomeranian seemed easiest to steal, but he was very strong willed like his owner. Someday he will be mine!

Chef Hannah with some MacGuyver'd utensil



Hackysack, like Monopoly, always takes a dark turn with Alpha Iota.

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NEWLY INDUCTED BROTHERS



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- 1. Worked as a hibachi chef and has served one of the members of the Backstreet Boys
- 4. Was born in Australia
- 7. Is an avid cosplayer
- 8. Likes to play ragtime music on the piano
- 10. Was an orientation leader and dance team member at Mercer
- 12. Can speak 5 languages
- 13. Can do a pretty good Donald duck impression
- 15. Can touch the tip of their nose with their tongue
- 16. Builds their own instruments, including a steel drum and Blue Man Group-like pipes
- 17. Had a pet turtle at age 5

ACROSS

- 2. Setup and maintained a saltwater reef in high-school
- 3. Has not watched a single Harry Potter film
- 5. Played division 2 college softball in undergrad
- 6. Once drank an entire bottle of Milk of Magnesia in one sitting
- 10. Was in a high school acapella group
- 11. Has two different colored irises
- 14. Has lived in 5 states but has never been out of the country

GET TO KNOW THE LATEST GENERATION OF ALPHA IOTA BROTHERS WITH THIS INTERESTING FACT CROSSWORD!





PLEDGE SOCIAL EVENT - PUMPKIN CARVING

♠ Pan Nimmanonda ♠

It's fall. Close your eyes and imagine the crackling of dry leaves against your shoes, the goosebump raising chill and the fragrant aroma of pie spices filling the air. Decorative gourds and dry wreaths line the front of houses in the same array of reds, oranges and brown as the changing leaves. In anticipation of Halloween, the pledges chose to host a pumpkin carving party so we could fill the streets with spooky jack-o-lanterns that would soon welcome hordes of candy-hungry children.

The uncarved pumpkins were piled against the wall in a wobbling heap, awaiting the creative touch that would bring them to life. Brothers paired off in Big-Little duos and the carving began. The room was soon filled with sticky mounds of pumpkin seeds and chunks of pumpkin viscera. Adorable Pumpkabooos, elephants and some questionably abstract art were sculpt-

ed from the orange pumpkin flesh. My little Shannon and I knew we were up for some stiff competition, so we needed a stunner.

We decided to do a pumpkin portrait of the infamous Dr. Greenspan, a man who strikes fear into the heart of students and who produces more quotable one-liners than a stand up comedian. I knew this idea was different and had enough shock value to bring us to a lead. To keep it a surprise, I motioned for my little to grab a sharpie and I began to draw the likeness of our beloved Pharmacology professor onto the surface of the pumpkin. As we were chipping away with our dull carving knives, some wondering eyes spotted our project and soon the room was soon buzzing with excitement. There was going to be a Greenspan pumpkin (lovingly nicknamed "Orangespan"), and it suddenly became the belle of the ball.

After the final touches were added to the pumpkins, we lit tea candles and

took a group photo with the completed jack-o-lanterns. Unfortunately, our pumpkin was not chosen as the winner, but the fun that I had carving the pumpkin with my little was sufficiently rewarding.

The following morning, I hand-delivered my pumpkin to Dr. Greenspan himself. The pumpkin took residence in the hallway of the RC Wilson building and served as a spooky reminder for us to study hard.

♠ PLEDGE EVENTS ♠

PLEDGE SERVICE EVENT @ATHENS FOOD BANK

♠ Ann Truong and Shelley Tau ♠

After combing through the busy P1 schedule, the pledge class finally settled on a time and place for our service event. We gathered at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia on Thursday, October 27, 2016, led by pledge class president Megan Moore. The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia recovers donated and salvaged surplus food and distributes it to human-service agencies. These then supply the food to residents in need. They work with local, regional, state and national product partners to bring food to the community. When we arrived on site, we were greeted by kind and hard working volunteers at the food bank. They talked about their mission and gave us a brief tour of their facilities. Following their introduction, we proceeded to get to work. We began by dividing into two groups: one group was responsible for packaging grain products like sandwich breads and rolls, while

the other was responsible for helping load empty barrels into a truck to be distributed locally to collect canned food donations. The first group had multiple crates of bread to sort through as opposed to the second group who had a more physically demanding task that tested their strength. We also packaged school supplies, brought down more barrels, cleaned the barrels, and sorted out different food items onto shelves. As we were completing our tasks, the main staff at the food bank continued to express gratitude and describe multiple instances of how many families are influenced by our work. One worker mentioned that she would often go to distribute food to the families in need and how the younger children would instantly light up at the sight of the individually bagged bread that would have to last them a whole week. Hearing about these stories made us realize how fortunate and privileged we really were; we became even more encouraged and inspired to complete our tasks as diligently as possible. Last but not least, we went through some produce and checked to see which

ones were salvageable and which ones needed to be thrown out. Community service plays an essential role in our chapter, and it was a beneficial learning experience for all of us to plan and then execute our own event. This was our first service event together as a pledge class, and all of our class had a great time bonding together and helping out the community at the same time. It allowed us insight into how we can continue to carry out service events in the future. We are looking forward to doing more community service as brothers!





HOLIDAY PARTY & PADDLE EXCHANGE



At the end of the semester, all the Brothers gather around a table of home-cooked food and celebrate together before exams. The holiday party was even better this year with the addition of the always exciting paddle and jersey exchange.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

On an uncharacteristically warm day at the end of November, the brothers of Alpha Iota gathered to do what we did best—eat. Against the backdrop of upcoming exams and the final rounds of midterms, the Alpha Iota annual holiday party, hosted by our Social Co-chairs Parin and Hannah, was a welcome break from it all. The holiday party is a pot-luck style event that showcases the amazing culinary talents of the Brothers. This event has always been a favorite, but why wouldn't it be? It is a chance to share good food and fun stories before final exams decimate the good cheer. When I entered the building, I was greeted by the scent of the holidays – patina upon patina of warm spices, fatty turkey and savory casseroles. The food was arranged across fold out tables and featured classic holiday dishes like green bean casserole, turkey, ham, stuffing and sweet potato casserole. Even though I was back at school, in an eerily quiet atrium of a building, I felt like I was at a family dinner.

♥ Pan Nimmanonda ♥



Brother Anthony Adejo receiving his Yu-Gi-Oh themed "paddle" from Brother Shelley Tau. We are really stretching the definition of paddle with this one, but we like people who think outside the box.

PADDLE EXCHANGE

The whole paddle creating process is a fun game of cat and mouse. The pledges discretely put together a wooden keepsake for their Big Brother and attempt to keep it a surprise. This means, for an entire month, these wide-eyed PDC hopefuls sneak around the pharmacy building with paddles swaddled in assortments of blankets and pillowcases, while collecting signatures from the other brothers. My little, now Brother Shannon Alexander, was particularly great at this game of hide and seek. Instead of using a pillowcase to disguise her creation, she had opted for a large handbag that was bulky enough to hide its contents from my prying eyes and would tell me to go away if I happened to wander too close to where she was attempting to get signatures. The Bigs on the other hand, had a secret of their own: a stack of dregs of wine colored jerseys with carefully chosen secret nicknames. The tension was high, but tonight was the night when all of that secrecy would come to an end.

The exchange began as Worthy-Inner-Guard Bernard Hsia ushered Big-Little pairs to the front of the room. Each exchange began with a story. Bigs told cute stories about what inspired pledge names that ranged from short and sweet



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“QT” to wacky names like “Alpacasso”. Littles unveiled their paddles and told us how they tried to capture the essence of their big in the paddle. My little chose to create a non-traditional paddle using a wooden artist's palette to reflect my love of design. Other paddles were just as creative. One paddle was a resin-filled wooden box that contained miniature Yu-Gi-Oh cards for a Big that was still a kid at heart. Another featured a whiskey bottle-like design for our fun-loving Worthy Chief Counselor. I had the difficult task of capturing these exchanges with all of the nervous energy and the horrible dim lighting.

This old Alpha Iota tradition was closed with a couple of wacky group pictures. We then parted ways. The Bigs walked away with a timeless keepsake and the pledges walked away with a jersey, that signified they were a step closer to becoming a part of the Brotherhood.

♥ Pan Nimmanonda ♥



Brothers Haley Cook and Eti Ebong - the sweetest Big-Little pairing. Haley makes every other Big look absolutely negligent.



PROFESSIONAL & SERVICE

Whether it be getting up extra early on a Saturday to clean a local highway or playing bingo with nursing home residents, the Brothers of Alpha Iota always find ways to give back to the local community.



RADIO RX - ATHENS

90.5 FM



RadioRx is a pharmacy news segment hosted by the Brothers of Alpha Iota chapter. Each half-hour segment features discussion about key developments in healthcare. If you need something to do on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:00 pm EST, join us via livestream at <http://www.serverroom.net/radio/545035> and let our voices soothe your soul.

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THANKS FOR TUNING INTO RADIORX,
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Goood afternoon, and thanks for tuning in to RadioRx, your daily dose of pharmacy and healthcare news delivered straight to your ears. My name is Priyan Lad, and today I'll be talking to you about something resurrected from Alpha Iota's past –our very own radio show! Every Thursday at 12:30pm, we keep Athens residents and UGA students informed about the latest in healthcare topics and news through our half-hour radio segment. Each show is hosted by a Brother or guest with a particular interest or expertise. Featured topics included practical and pertinent tips on how to treat the common cold, what medications you can give to your cats and dogs, diabetes care, and where to go for affordable mental health services. Broadcasts typically begin with an overview on the topic to make sure non-health professionals would have the background knowledge to follow along. Depending on the host, the show then usually transitions to a discussion about over-the-counter or non-drug remedies, “drugs of the week” and myth debunking. Some weeks even fea-

tured Brothers from satellite campuses. Ryan from Albany was able to call in and created a new segment called “The Hot Tub,” where pharmacy topics get hot and bubbly. Brother David Bailey from Augusta hosted a pre-recorded session on pregnancy. The show was an overall success despite the initial hesitation from the Brothers of talking on live radio; however, once they started talking, it was almost like they could not stop. Even our producer was really enthusiastic about the show and wanted to make sure that we able to perform our very best. You also never knew who would be listening to you as well. After one show, Brother Arielle, aka Crystal, got a text from her pharmacy manager asking if that was her on the radio. It was a wonderful project and a great way for Brothers to build their public speaking skills and hopefully teach someone something new with the show.

♣ Priyan Lad ♣



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1. ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Alpha Iota held their first Adopt-A-Highway event of the 2016-2017 school year on September 17th. Six brothers braved the cold of the morning to pick up litter on Timothy Rd. We met at 8am at a nearby supermarket and carpoled to the neighborhood where we would get to work. I brought some doughnuts as a quick breakfast while we waited for all the Brothers to get there. We suited up in our fluorescent safety vests and chose our trash grabbers. We assembled the trash and recycling bag holders, closed our trunks, locked our doors, and set off down the road. We talked about how excited we were for the year, the events we would have and how we'd study for our classes. The grass was green and the sidewalk was clear. There was the occasional soda bottle or empty potato chip bag that need to be picked up. It was a perfect situation. Suddenly, the sidewalk ended and was replaced by trenches that were too close to the road to walk next to but too deep and polluted to walk inside of them. The grass was barely green with tons of dying patches. Weeds, broken branches, and thistle bushes filled the landscape. Our trash went from cans and bags to broken glass and metal. The cars seemed to be driving faster in this area and we were trying to find our green

grass and sidewalks again. Instead, we found a bone from what we presumed to be old road kill. As we tried to figure out what animal this bone came from, we found more bones. We were starting to worry that this wasn't road kill at all and we were actually uncovering murder evidence. Finally we found some old armadillo remains and decided that this must be the source of our new bone collection. The green in the grass was starting to come back and the broken glass and trenches were starting to disappear. We found an abandoned sunhat and couldn't decide whether to trash it or make it a fashion statement. The sun was starting to shine brighter and even though we were tired, we carried on. After what felt like forever, we reached the sign marking the end of our segment of the road. We crouched under the sign to take a picture and celebrate our success. But we had forgotten that there was the opposite side of the road to tend to now. Somewhat dejected but unified in our exhaustion, we sulked across the road and proceeded to pick up the trash. Without fail, the trenches returned and this time, they had thorny vines in them. We were playing a very dangerous game of "stay out of the trenches but don't get hit by a car." The bags were getting heavy and our

doughnut energy had been depleted. Nevertheless, we kept going, laughing at each other running into spider webs and tripping over holes in the ground, and reflecting on other good times we had in the past. Finally, we got back to where we started, where the grass was green and the sidewalks were clear. We tied up our bags, left them in their designated spot, and headed for our cars and a late breakfast at IHOP. We were tired, probably a little smelly, and starving, but the road was spotless and we had successfully served our community together as a Brotherhood.

♣ Arielle Charles ♣

2. DAWGTOBERFEST

Our sexual health booth was a hit! My goal for the event was to present sexual health information in a manner that was relaxed and fun, to show that pharmacists are experts in this area and are open to dealing with sexual health concerns. It is evident that there is stigma associated with sexual health—sex is personal and people don't want to talk about it. Therefore, we decided to make the topic a little easier to approach. We started by enticing people to our booth with deluxe goody bags! Our bags had dark chocolate, little candles, lollipops, condoms, and tiny information pamphlets. Of course, there was catch—to win these bags, the patient must correctly answer one of our questions from an assortment of colorful cards. They could explain how to make a dental-dam out of a condom, answer a question about sexually transmitted diseases, tell us what they know about emergency contraception and more. If they were incorrect, one of the brothers would lightheartedly correct

them and allow them to try again. We were excited to see that patients were engaged in the game. They came with groups of friends and played and laughed together, and to our delight, they paid more attention to the board. The board had information about different forms of birth control and their pros and cons, sexual health resources at the University and information about STIs. I believe that the booth was a success because we were able to reduce barriers and engage patients to think and talk about sex. This success is attributed to the many brothers who happily came together and played a part in the process. We edited the board-- which was created a few years ago by current alumni brothers-- and got it approved by a faculty brother. We had a team of 7-8 brothers who came in shifts to help run the game and to continue making goody bags as they flew off the table. The rest of our brothers visited the booth and played the game alongside patients. In the future, we will expand on

the idea of decreasing barriers and improve the game. We expect to give out many more deluxe bags next year!

♣ Dennia Ernest ♣



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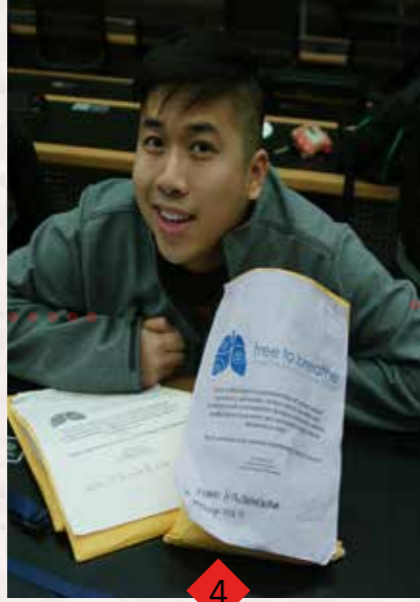


Sara Miller - alumnus extraordinaire. She used to be Alpha Omega's, but we're claiming her now.

3. ORGANIZATION HOUR GUEST SPEAKER - SARA MILLER

It's always a treat when Alumni Brothers can come back and talk to us about the rare and exciting opportunities that await us after graduation. On February 21, Alpha Omega Alumnus (now unofficially adopted by Alpha Iota) Sara Miller gave a presentation on her particularly enviable career during a school-wide ASHP-hosted seminar. Sara is one of 5 pharmacists that specialize in toxicology in the state of Georgia. Stationed at the ever-hectic Grady in the heart of Atlanta, she deals with, as she puts it, "all the creative ways people find to hurt themselves" everyday. While I had never been particularly interested in toxicology or emergency medicine, I sat riveted as she went through the pros and cons of her career and the scholastic decisions she made that landed her where she is today. Her talk opened my eyes to new fields of pharmacy and added a new dream job to my ever growing list of interests.

♥ Pan Nimmanonda ♥



The WKF is happiest when he is around piles of money.

4. FREE TO BREATHE FUNDRAISER

During the last week of November of 2016, I ran a fundraiser for Free to Breathe, a nonprofit organization that helps promote awareness for lung cancer research. In recent years, it was ran by the Worthy Keeper of Finance of Phi Delta Chi, so it fell upon me this time. Normally my position would function as a treasurer and wouldn't participate in community service projects as much, so when it was time for this event to come around, I wanted to expand its scope and profits more so than past years. I was able to coordinate with some volunteers from my fraternity to help spread the word about the event as well as ask teachers if they'd be willing to give incentives to help with the cause.

I sent daily emails promoting friendly competition among the P1, P2 and P3 classes and kept them updated on the current standings. An envelope would be passed around at the beginning of each class, collected and then counted each day. By the end of the week, every class had donated something and even some teachers participated. We were able to raise \$972.94 among the three classes which was a substantial increase from previous years.

♠ John Le ♠



5. PLEDGE-FACULTY PIZZA PARTY

Each year, the Brothers of Alpha Iota invite our faculty advisors and faculty Brothers to a pizza party with the pledges. This is a great opportunity for the pledges to interact with professors outside of the classroom and learn about how they got to where they are now. Between providing interview answers to groups of curious pledges, Dr. Tackett and Dr. Perri debated about who was more skilled at racket ball while Dr. Beach shared some funny stories from his time in pharmacy school.

♣ Haley Cook ♣



Who would win in a game of racket ball? Stay tuned while we make this game happen.



Rarely do things stir up as much excitement as food does for the Brothers of Alpha Iota.

6. ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Even after graduation, as alumni, we have a role to guide and instruct collegiate brothers in the way they should go. One great way our chapter allows alumni brothers to connect with collegiate brothers is our alumni networking luncheon. As the name implies, we hold a luncheon annually, that provides the chapter an opportunity to ask for career advice and get to know alumni brothers that we wouldn't normally meet. This year's alumni lineup consisted of Brothers with residency, fellowship, clinical, hospital, and community pharmacy experience.

The style of the lunch was set up so that a group of brothers would share one meal course with each alumni Brother. This allowed every brother a chance to talk to each alumnus as we chatted over appetizers, entrees, and dessert. We had three alumni: Lopa, who works for Kaiser Permanente and served as past WCC; Sara, who works in the ER at Grady and is originally from Alpha Omega; and Aimee, our very own alumni chapter president. Discussion ranged from their experiences in different pharmacy fields and their advice for these career paths to their fond memories of Phi Delta Chi and Grand Council. After making our rotations and getting our fill of good food and good company, Brothers exchanged contact information and gathered together for a group picture. Not only were Brothers able to take away advice on how to further their pharmacy career, but they were also able to catch up with Alumni brothers they had not seen in awhile, and understand the true meaning of "Brothers for Life."

♣ Bernard Hsia ♣

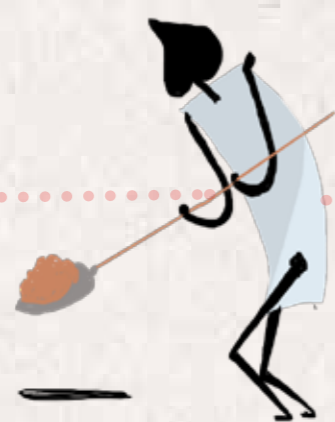
Family line picture! We're only missing one Brother Ryan in this almost complete family picture.



Wherever there is food, there's a Phan. Brother Rebecca Phan partakes of the catered buffet.



People in this fraternity seem to hate cameras because whenever I ask for a picture there are terrified cries of "no!" and frantic ducking. I want a picture, guys, not kidneys. All 3 alumni Brothers Lopa, Aimee and Sara (left to right, starting from second person in the back row from the left) are partially hidden in the back.



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7. FACULTY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

This week we held our annual faculty & staff appreciation breakfast, and it was a huge success! Here at UGA's College of Pharmacy, the faculty and staff go above and beyond to provide the best education and support possible. Their hard work and dedication really shows, and holding a simple breakfast for them is the very least that we can do to show our gratitude.

In preparation, we spent a week handing out flyers, emailing professors and posting on social media so that word would get out to all the faculty and staff. Brothers volunteered to bring and prepare all different types of food, and this year we were able to fill up 3 long tables with food and beverage! One table was filled with cold foods and pastries such as donuts, cinnamon rolls, fruits and yogurt. Another table was filled with dry foods such as cereal along with beverages ranging from fresh brewed coffee to orange juice and milk. Finally, the last table – our biggest hit – was filled with all our hot foods, which included scrambled eggs, mini chicken biscuits from Chick-Fil-A, and a delicious homemade spinach quiche.

Each year brothers get together and mingle with all the faculty stopping by to grab a bite to eat, and this year was no different. We make sure to take the time to thank them for everything that they do and build long-lasting relationships with them. This year the law professor, Mr. Duke, was visiting from our satellite campus in Savannah and was able to join us this year. We don't normally get to meet satellite professors since we are on the main campus, but he was super friendly and made sure to let us know how glad and grateful he was to be able to grab a bite before his 4-hour journey back to the satellite campus! Being able to give back to the faculty who work so hard for us was a rewarding and fun experience, and I hope that this event continues for many years to come.

♣ Bernard Hsia ♣



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8. BINGO NIGHT @ TALMADGE TERRACE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

On November 8th, 2016 the professional/service committee organized an educational bingo night about stroke and hypertension for the residents of Talmadge Terrace Retirement Community in Athens. We teamed up with SNPhA to provide the best and up to date information about stroke, its risk factors, and stroke prevention. The information was presented in powerpoint format in which we talked about the signs and symptoms of stroke, and how to reduce one's risk for stroke. After the presentation, many of the residents in attendance, most of whom were stroke survivors, spoke to us about life after stroke. It was extremely humbling and insightful to learn about the new hardships created due to the stroke and how they live with them.

Even though most of the residents stayed for the presentation, we know why they were really there - BINGO! The residents of Talmadge are no strangers to bingo and we try to visit every semester to hang out and play bingo with them. This time around, we brought prizes with us to make BINGO more competitive and serious. We had tissues, toilet paper, body wash, shampoo and cookies, just to name a few. The prizes were a huge hit and spiced up BINGO quite a bit!

When the last prize had been given away, each resident took the time to individually thank us, which was very heart warming. It always reminds us to think about others. School is busy, and we are so caught up with ourselves that we rarely take the time to sit down and chat with the elderly. Going to Talmadge is always a rewarding and refreshing experience that allows us to exercise our professional knowledge as well as spending time in our community.

♣ Bernard Hsia ♣



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Oh, the places we run in order to raise money for St. Jude's

9. ST JUDE 5K

Oh the places you'll run!" was the theme of this year's annual 5k, benefitting St. Jude's Research Hospital and oh, the places we ran! This race had come after months of planning by Professional-service co-chairs, Brothers Arielle and Anthony. The Brothers have spent so much time to raise awareness, inviting everyone they could to come out to the event. The weather was perfect for running, slightly overcast and not too hot. Though the race started at 8 AM, I got there an hour early to help set up. Signs, balloons, and some informative trifolds marked the start of the race. Many other pledges and Brothers soon joined to set up the t-shirts, drinks, and snacks on the tables and disperse ourselves along the path. We held up encouraging signs in order to direct the runners where to go. Shortly, the runners began trickling in! Around 50 people joined us on that October morning to run in support for St. Jude. The registration process went smoothly and everyone was getting excited to start the race. At the sound of the whistle, the runners took off! The first runner made it back in an almost record 16 minutes! The rest of the runners followed suit with impressive times. After the race, the participants could circle back to the registration table and learn about important

health topics such as asthma and nutrition. Of course the star of the show was the food table where we handed out healthy snacks such as granola, apples, and bananas. This was one of the first events I attended as a pledge, and I'm glad I was able to experience what it was like to participate in a fundraising and professional service event so early on in the year. Overall, the race was a huge success and through our combined efforts, we were able to raise \$506 for St. Jude's.

♥ Stephanie Sorrell ♥





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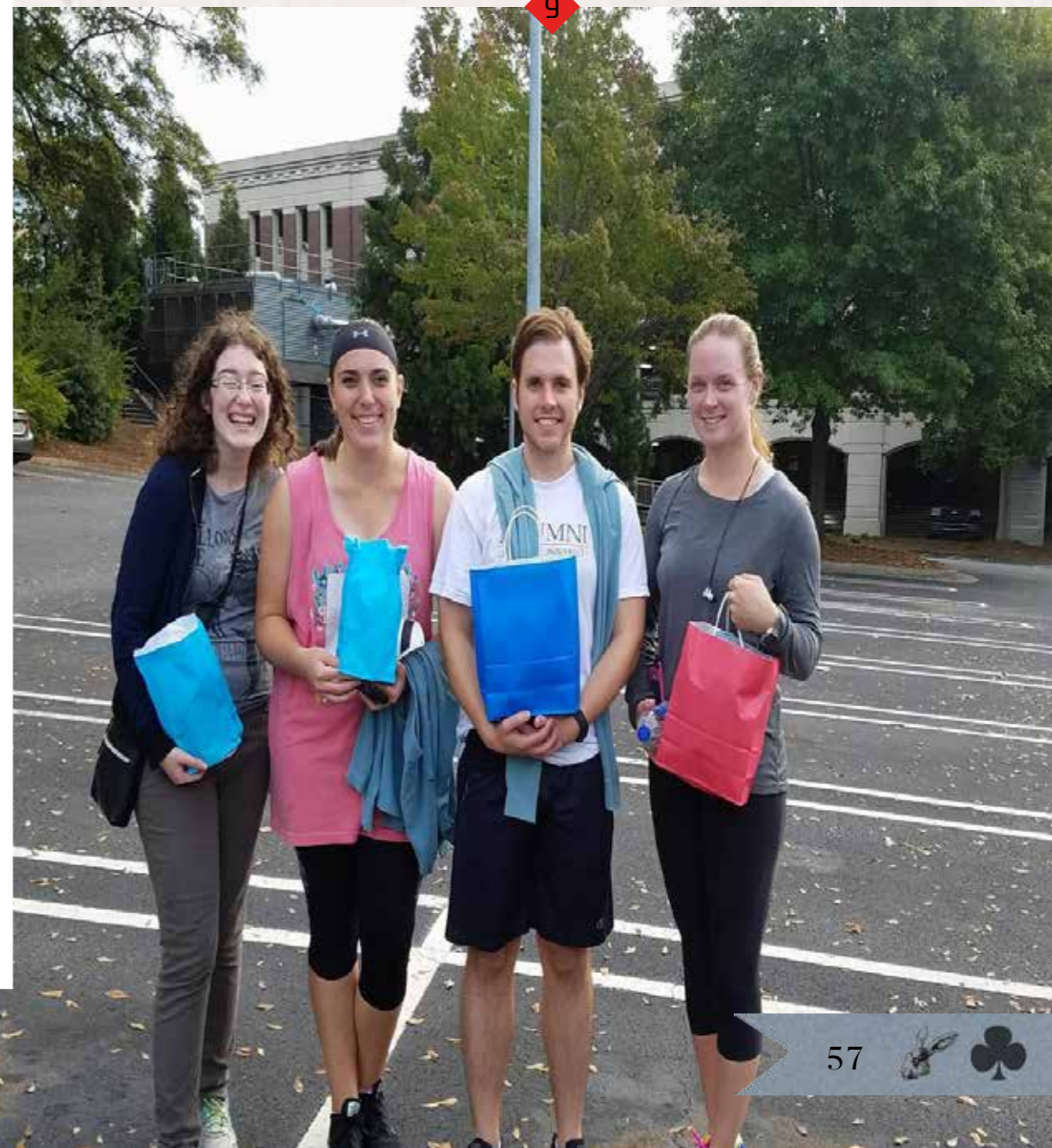
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Ridiculously photogenic fraternity.

The setup crew makes sure the campus is whimsical enough to support our Dr. Seuss theme.



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FOUNDER'S DAY IN ALBANY, GA



After the first two years of pharmacy school, you get the option of staying in Athens or get shipped off to Albany, Augusta and Savannah. This relocation may split the Brothers up geographically, but we find ways to preserve the Brotherhood by paying our distant Brothers a visit on Founder's Day!



With some of our Brothers getting sent off to the distant reaches of Georgia each year, keeping in touch with all of our Brothers is a particularly daunting task. We try to work around the issue by using technology to include the satellite campus brothers in chapter meetings and even created a liaison position at each campus to promote open communication and Brotherhood.

This year we decided to take campus relations a step further. Brother Ryan, our Albany Liaison set aside about 50 dollars in the "Make Albany Great Again Fund" at the beginning of the semester. While this may have started as a joke, the Athens Brothers decided to take him up on the offer and pay him a visit.

So on that November 2nd, five Brothers packed into a car and took the 4 hour trip down to Albany for Founder's Day. We decided to forego our usual cake-based celebration and instead focus on strengthening our brotherly bonds. After arriving in Albany, the Brothers headed to

town for some Mexican cuisine and arcade fun. After a restful night of banter, a couple of the Brothers headed down to Pensacola, while the rest parted ways.

On the sandy shores of the Florida coast, the Brothers ate their weight in seafood and watched the tide lap at the white sand beaches. For some, this was the last trip they would take together before graduation, so it was bittersweet. Pictures were taken, glasses were clinked, and young love was declared in the sand. What started as a joke ended in treasured memory.

This Trip to Albany, as we named it, may not have been our biggest or even the most impactful event, but the entire reason we did it was to make sure that no Brother feels left out. It is, in essence, reaffirming our lifelong vow of Brotherhood. If we keep our bonds strong, we can rest assured that even when we graduate or scatter to opposite corners of the world, Brothers will always find one another.

♣ Sarah Yoo and Pan Nimmanonda ♣
Consulting expert : Priyan Lad



The love between Big and Little declared in the ever shifting sands of the ocean.



OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL SALES

- College of Pharmacy shirts
- Dr. Greenspan shirt reissue
- Free to Breathe fundraiser
- Holiday bake sales
- Adverse Drug Reactions textbook
- PDC hoody



FUNDRAISING

In the fall, the brothers of Phi Delta Chi sell college of pharmacy shirts to the new incoming class after their white coat ceremony. With the help of brothers Emily and Rachel, we sold over 100 shirts and made a profit of over 1500 dollars! Apart from this, we also held our annual Halloween bake sale where we sold various delicious treats made by our brothers. After enthusiasm from the P1 class, we started selling our infamous Greenspan shirts. The biggest achievement we had in the fall was our Free to Breathe fundraiser. Through the valiant efforts of John, Jennifer, and myself, the P2 class raised \$538.43 and the P1 class raised \$414.72. In one week alone, we raised almost \$1000 for an organization dedicated to conducting research for breast cancer. That week was full of suspense because we were in a race between the different classes to see who would receive extra credit in some of our classes. Being able to raise such an enormous amount of money with my brothers, was one of the most gratifying moments of my pharmacy school experience thus far. I feel like we became closer as brothers and I was excited for all the other great achievements I would complete with my brothers.

♥ Andrea Ampuero ♥



Competitive baking PDC edition



PDC BAKEOFF

Nine Brothers met on the evening of April 14th to determine who would be crowned PDC's best baker. Over the course of an evening, Social Co-chairs Ezimma and Rebecca judged the contestants on their skills in creating cakes with the theme ingredient: strawberries. The Brothers split off into two teams - one all-girl team headed both the co-chairs and one headed by our plucky WCC, Priyan Lad.

The kitchen was soon bustling with activity. Whisks fluffed butter and eggs into foam and the smells of crushed strawberries and raw flour melded invitingly. One team crafted a strawberry swirl cake

and the other went with the safe classic: a chocolate and strawberry cake. After the cakes were cooled and creatively iced, we forgot about winning and losing. Together we shared slices of each others delicious cakes before we had to say goodbye for the summer.

♥ Pan Nimmanonda ♥



Pharmacy students are excellent bakers. We are neurotic enough to follow directions precisely and we get a lot of practice triturating sugar and flour in the lab.

SUMMER RETREAT



Every summer before we return to school, the Brothers gather for some fun in the woods. Get ready for this edition of PDC vs Nature!



Never EVER play Monopoly with Alpha Iota Brothers. This game brings out the dark side of people. Quick fun? See you in 4 years.



“ I KNOW THAT WE WILL ONLY GET CLOSER AS BROTHERS AS TIME GOES ON. :) ”

On July 25-27, 2016, Alpha Iota held our annual Summer Brotherhood Retreat at Tugaloo State Park in Lavonia, Georgia. As a recently inducted brother, this was my first summer retreat with the entire chapter. Being able to see everyone during our summer break was really exciting after not seeing anyone for so long since the spring semester ended. Summer retreat has become one of my favorite events of the year, complete with tons of memories made, as well as new memories to anticipate for the following year.

Brothers carpooled from numerous cities of Georgia, including Atlanta, Augusta, and Savannah. Car rides were filled with singing (some with better singing voices than others), Pokémon Go, and even random salsa music. Once everyone arrived on Friday night, we chose our respective cabins and settled down for a tasty taco dinner prepared by some of our awesome brothers!

Throughout the night, most of us stayed inside one cabin playing board games, catching up, and just enjoying one another's

company. A few brothers attempted to start a bonfire, but they did not succeed in doing so. After a long night, we all headed back to our cabins for a good night of sleep before a fun-filled day.

Brothers awoke early in the morning on Tuesday to a breakfast feast filled with eggs, pancakes, sausage, and bacon! We then all moved towards the shore of the beautiful Lake Hartwell to take a group photo and learned how to skip rocks. We then moved inside the group shelter to hold chapter. During chapter, we had a brotherhood activity in which we had to write five random facts about ourselves and have our brothers guess who the facts were about. We learned a lot more about each other, and some things were a lot more surprising than others. It was a really successful way to get everyone to bond a little more outside of school.

After chapter ended, brothers split into three separate groups: one for exploring nature by hiking, one for exploring the sea by kayaking, and one for exploring the imaginary by Pokémon hunting. With regards to Pokémon hunting, a few of the brothers drove around the small town of Lavonia to pick up poke balls from numerous poke stops around the City Hall. This

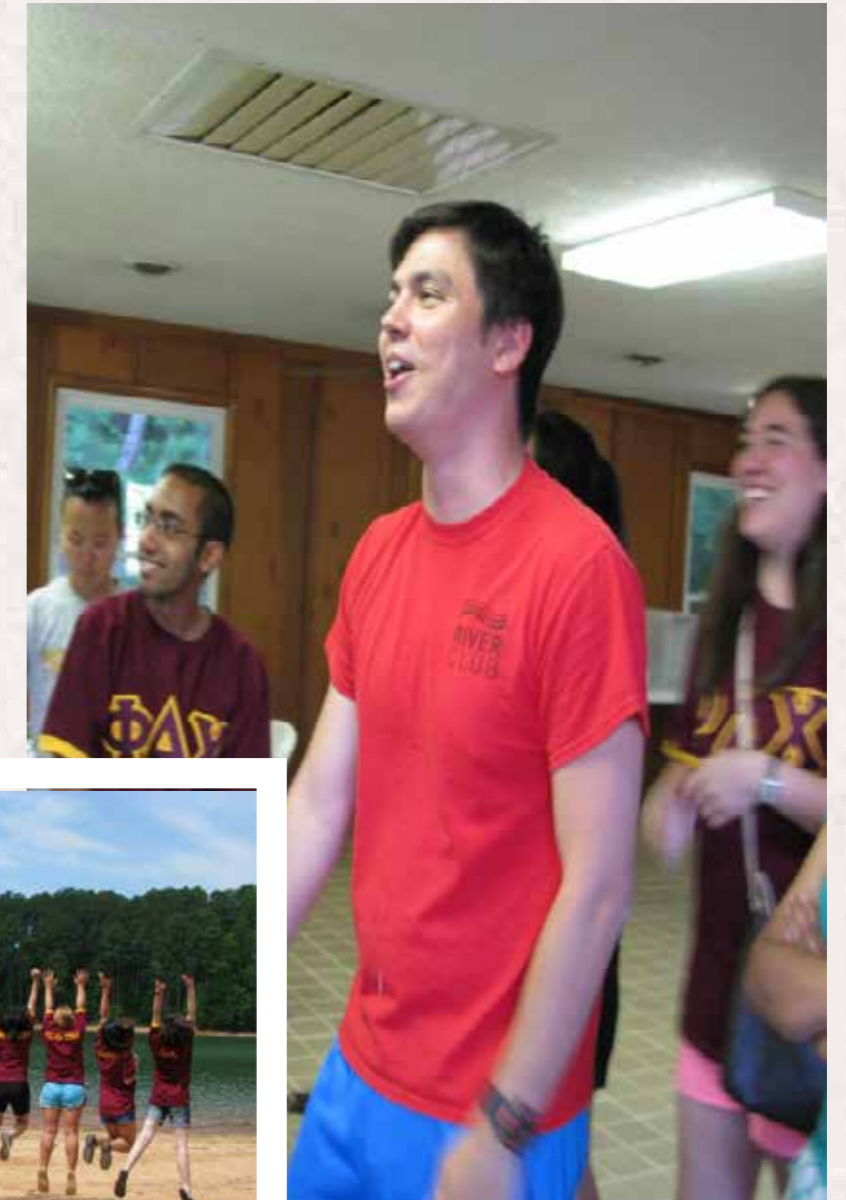
trip consisted of a lot of disappointments and freak-outs about rare catches. After everyone met back up, we had a few hours of naps. A few of the brothers had a marathon of Fixer Uppers (such a guilty pleasure TV show) before formal chapter was closed. Everyone participated in our traditional Pass the Gavel and gave heartfelt thanks to one another for coming out and being with each other. The night was filled with games including Werewolf, Exploding Kittens, Cranium, charades, and Monopoly. We learned new things about our brothers like how some of us can't spell voodoo, have a unique fixation on cantaloupes, and are a little bit more competitive than others. After a long day of good company and stunning views, we all knocked out in our beds and headed back to our homes the next morning.

All in all, our annual summer retreat was an awesome experience. I am really anticipating the next one, and I know a lot of other brothers are as well. We strengthened our bonds as a chapter, and I know that we will only get closer as brothers as time goes on.

♥ Emily Tang ♥



How many pharmacy students does it take to cook bacon?



Brother Haley is one of our more compact Brothers. You can easily transport her in the trunk of your car.



Brothers show off their creative sides with bag decoration.



WINTER "CHAPTRETREAT"



Not even Southern snow storms can drive us apart.

Winter retreat is always something to look forward to each year. It's traditionally held during winter break, right before school starts up again and serves as a nice way for Brothers to have fun. Throughout the years, our chapter would rent cabins up in the mountains where the wifi is sparse. While this seems like torture in this day and age, it does away with the distraction of technology and allows us to focus on each other. Over the course of a weekend, the Brothers engage in various brotherhood activities, which helps us get to know more about each other.

Unfortunately, Georgia weather was against us this year. The incoming snow storm created potentially unsafe driving conditions, which forced us to cancel our cabin reservation. I was a little disappointed because Winter Retreat is a key bonding experience for the Brothers. Thankfully, Brother Parin came to the rescue. Retreat would have been cancelled completely had it not been for Brother Parin offering up his apartment as a space for everyone to come and spend the day. Just as we would have done at the cabin, Brother Cassandra and her volunteer

sous-chefs cooked spaghetti and meatballs for the Brothers in attendance. We chatted, laughed, played games and made the best out of the situation. The following Monday, we had our first chapter of the semester. We decided to use this time to do engage in Brotherhood activities and crucial planning. We even got a group photo with some of the satellite brothers! It wasn't the ideal retreat, but we salvaged what we could and strengthened our bond with our Brothers, which is what counts the most.

♣ Bernard Hsia ♣





When Georgia melts down from 2 inches of snow and you've still got to Brotherhood, what do you do? You retreat to school.



Georgia Snowpocalypse: ***
It was meh. I had to wait in line for 2 hours to get eggs and there wasn't even any snow
- Brother Chet's Yelp Review



HOMECOMING TAILGATE



Each year, PDC holds a tailgate on the lawn in front of the pharmacy building in anticipation of a highly anticipated game.



PDC alumni join us in cheering on the dawgs. We hope you come back and tailgate with us next year too!

On October 15, 2016, our university was playing their highly-anticipated homecoming game, so on that very morning, the tailgating festivities began! Many pledges and brothers came early to help set up the event by laying out appropriately themed red and black tablecloths and arranging all the food. As always, we had so much food - chips, cupcakes, and all the other sweets one could ever wish for. Promptly at 9 AM, the alumni started flooding in. We had ten Alpha Iota alumni and two visiting alumni, one from the Epsilon chapter and the other from the Rho Chi chapter. It was so wonderful to have them visit and chat with us, and we immediately welcomed them with open arms. We were able to hear about their careers and their post-graduate experiences. The grill fired up, and we were served scrambled eggs, burgers and steak. Additionally,

Alumni Rebecca Howell brought us monster-themed donuts, and Alumni and faculty member Ashley Harnings brought delicious homemade zucchini bread. As we were filling our stomachs with food, pledges scattered throughout, trying to get their interviews done with current brothers and alumni. Once our stomachs were full, the tailgating games began. We played corn hole, posed for pictures, traded crazy work stories, and sang happy birthday to visiting fourth year, Brother Nathan Wayne. The morning ended with an Alumni chapter meeting and a pack of PDC brothers heading towards Sanford stadium. This event was a great way to have the pledges interact with the alumni, senior members of the fraternity, and other pledges all while celebrating UGA football. Go Dawgs!

♣ Haley Cook ♣



Whenever someone screams "Let's do a fun picture," one of our smaller Brothers gets rotated horizontally. We need a new definition of fun, guys. Our new Brothers are pretty tall.

MEATFEST



Alpha Iota held its first major event of the season - the ever popular Meatfest! As the name might imply, the event was filled with various grilled meats including hotdogs, hamburgers, and steaks, provided by Brother Bernard. We also had sides of vegetables and fried rice, but the meat was the real highlight of the meal. The event was held at a local clubhouse, and though it was a little cramped, Brothers and pledges alike were able to get close. The clubhouse was full of excited chatter. Even Brothers from distant campuses like Augusta and Albany, drove hours just to partake. With good food and even greater company, Meatfest was a fun summer grill day.

♣ Sarah Yoo ♣



Note: This event is not vegan friendly. When we say "Meatfest", we mean it.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER



On Thursday evening, October 20th, Brothers and pledges gathered for good food, friends, and festivities at our annual Progressive Dinner. The current brothers put in so much time to arrange this event, and everyone was excited for the night to begin. It is always a great way for the pledges to mingle with the current Brothers on an even more personal level while also finishing up some of their pledge tasks. Brothers cooked a 3-course meal for pledges as they paid a visit to different Brother's homes to get their fill of appetizers, entrees, and desserts. Some pledges started the evening off on fire, with spicy fire noodles as an appetizer followed by a just as fiery spicy papaya salad, chicken, and sticky rice as the main course. While other houses offered sautéed steak with veggies and vegetarian pasta Alfredo, just to name a few. I hosted an appetizer house, and we served grilled cheese with a twist by adding bacon and avocado. Brothers not only shared food, but also advice about classes and pledging and a few laughs throughout. As the night progressed, Brothers and pledges all met at Marin's house to end the night with desserts. We also celebrated Brother Ryan's birthday with an appropriately nihilistic "It's Whatever" cake. We were also graced with an assortment of cookies, brownies, and other different treats, but the greatest treat was being able to see everyone enjoying each other's company.



Brothers at dessert house. This was the "fun" photo. Notice the fun raising of the crutch by Brother Aneet.

♣ Gabby Do ♣

In the fall semester, the older Brothers cooked for the incoming members but on the evening of January 22nd, we arranged our own progressive dinner! The Newly Inducted Brothers led by social co-chairs Brothers Rebecca and Ezimma organized an evening filled with a variety delicious meals and treats. Much thought and preparation went into preparing the dishes, and I believe the older brothers were pleasantly surprised to see our cooking talents shine. We divided everyone up into 3 different groups, each with appetizer and entrée houses, that would ultimately meet up together in the end at the dessert house.

In the first group, Brothers Shelley and Ann cooked some staple appetizers – Swedish meatballs and deviled eggs. From there, Brothers Aneet and Chet whipped up a huge amount of shepherd's pie and garlic toast. People in the second group willingly placed themselves in the special spicy houses where Brothers Steve and Megan made hot wings with dip while Brothers Shannon and Cassandra cooked a spicy meat stew. The third group was specially composed for vegetarians, vegans or simply those who preferred more veggies on their plate. Brothers Amia and Josh baked dinner rolls, and Brothers Andrea and Eti crafted an elaborate vegetarian lasagna.

Meanwhile, the dessert house was preparing their treats in the clubhouse of an apartment complex near campus. After devouring food at their respective houses, all the brothers piled in and filled the entire room. The night ended on a sweet note with s'mores, a giant cake and an off-

key rendition of Happy Birthday for Brothers Emily, Maegan and Alex.

Overall, the event was a success—the food was scrumptious, and the company was even better. After a long week of school, we were so grateful to spend time with each other and even have the honor to see senior brothers from satellite campuses. It was a perfect opportunity for all the brothers to bond, and what better way than through food!

♣ Ann Truong ♣



REGRESSIVE DINNER



EATING OUT (WITH) THE P4S



Let me start by explaining the slightly suggestive title. This stems from a very innocent typo from our Snapchat guru, Brother Andrew Quach. Mr. Quach is a proficient Snapchat user and on one particular occasion, decided to go eat dinner with some pledges. He posted the event to snapchat, but instead of describing the event as "eating out with the pledges," he left out the "with," which made the outing seem much more eventful than it was. Much to Brother Andrew's chagrin, we've never let him live down this particular mistake. As Mr Quach is now a P4, we, the then pledges, decided to return the favor and eat out (with) the P4s.

This multi-part hangout started with a promise between Brothers Hannah and David Kim. Hannah, one of our fraternity's finer cooks enticed David Kim and some P4s to come down to Athens for a home cooked meal. With the P4s away on rotations, it's easy to disconnect from them as Brothers. Holding small social events like this is a way to maintain Brotherly relations with our older collegiate Brothers.

The evening started in the bustling downtown Athens. Brothers Hannah,

Sarah and Parin met up with Dr. Perri, and Brothers Sean, Nathan, Jason, Vidhi and Drew at the famed Magnolias. After a few hours of chatting over light snacks and drinks, the crew headed to Brother Hannah's place for the promised meal.

Hannah had prepared multiple trays of gooey macaroni and cheese for her hungry guests. P4 Brothers Gail, Kaley and Andrew Quach himself joined in on the fun. At the end of the evening, the Brothers parted ways, full of good food and good cheer.

♣ Hannah Cole and Pan Nimmanonda ♣

Look at how happy Brother Jason is to see everyone!



The infamous typo that started it all. No. We're never going to let you live this down, Brother Andrew.





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ENCHANTED GRECIAN
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Put on your flower crowns and join us at Trump's Catering for an enchanted evening of food, fun and fancy foot work.



The Alumni and P4 table. I thought the seating was randomized. How did this happen?

Close your eyes and imagine an enchanted Grecian garden where mortals, mythical beings, and beasts alike roam freely; a place where enchanted fairies float about sprinkling fairy dust with each flutter of their wings. The forest is full of leafy green foliage and ripe with laughter and joy. Imagine a wood thick with ivy and crawling with vibrant flowers. What a wondrous sight! This was the fairytale paradise that our Social Co-chairs, Ezimma Nnyagu and Rebecca Phan envisioned and brought to life at this year's Spring Formal. On the enchanted evening of March 31st, 2017, the Alpha Iota chapter of Phi Delta Chi, brothers, alumni, and faculty alike, gathered at Trump's Ballroom to celebrate the culmination of a successful semester. Everyone had worked so hard and was ready to unwind and enjoy themselves.

The night was filled with food, fun, dancing, selfies, and laughter. Brothers arrived and were greeted by our social coordinators and members of the social committee. As brothers entered the event location, they were asked to pick from an array

of numbered antique keys and were assigned seating. From lovely decorations and delicious cuisine to exciting activities, the guests were marveled by every aspect of the enchanted Grecian garden. Upon entering the ballroom, guests gazed at the decadent décor: pictures were taken under an enormous white balloon arch that lined the entrance into the ballroom; ivy vines crawled up columns and walls; and shimmering lights adorned the walls. The handmade centerpieces, made of handpicked tree branches, shone an iridescent gold and were ornamented with flowers and sparkling crystals.

As things settled and attendees took their seats, the evening's emcees, Ezimma and Rebecca, introduced themselves and welcomed everyone warmly. Dinner was served soon after. Guests enjoyed either cheese and spinach stuffed chicken breast, grilled asparagus, and pasta smothered in marinara, while vegetarian guests enjoyed cheese stuffed bell peppers. Soft music and a slideshow of precious memories played as brothers, alumni, and faculty feasted. Shortly after dinner, awards, superlatives, and special recognitions were bestowed upon exceptional brothers and faculty. Heartfelt words were shared, smiles

shone from ear to ear, and tons of pictures were snapped. In addition to live photos taken throughout the evening, pictures were also captured at the ever-popular photo booth. Throughout the event guests had visited the photo booth, donned flower and jeweled crowns and had fun making use of several other props. If attendees were not taking pictures, or mingling, then they had rushed to the dancefloor to show off their best moves.

The festivities ended with the cutting of a delicious, marble flavored cake, adorned with red carnations and red and gold frosting and a vote of thanks from the emcees. As the evening came to a close and guests began to make their way out, each expressed feelings of satisfaction and gratitude and described the event as classy and tasteful. A few AAAEs were even shared! Overall, the night was a complete success. We cannot wait to see what next year's formal will bring!

♥ Ezimma Nnyagu ♥

FORMAL AWARD CEREMONY

Below are the best of the best- our award winners and superlative nominees.



BROTHER OF THE YEAR
Gabby Do



EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Michelle Vu



BEST BIG/LITTLE
Haley Cook & Eti Ebong



PLEDGE OF THE YEAR
Megan Moore



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
Aimee Shin



BEST PADDLE
Shelley Tau



FACULTY OF THE YEAR
Ashley Hannings



MOST FRATERNITY SPIRIT
David Bailey



MOST TALENTED
Pan Nimmanonda



BEST TROLL/KING OF FAIRIES
Bernard Hsia



DESTROYER OF ENCHANTED GARDENS
John Le



FAIRYTALE SMILE
Ezimme Nnyagu



FAIRYTALE BROMANCE
Arielle Charles & Dennia Ernest



MOST LIKELY TO BECOME A MEME
Gabby Do



SLEEPIEST DWARF
Rebecca Phan



Some kind of culinary innovation put together by Brothers with limited time and budget.



Brother Priyan, by some witchcraft, manages to look the same in all his photos. Unflattering pictures of him are rare. I once attempted such a feat and my SD card disintegrated. One of my brave assistants managed to capture this gem without damaging her equipment. She has a bright future ahead of her.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL OLYMPICS



I was skeptical about having SERO on such a gloomy Saturday morning, but upon entering the lobby of our pharmacy building, I was greeted by the ever-bubbly Brother Michelle Vu, our Worthy Vice Counselor and the coordinator for SERO. Many Alpha Iota brothers from the Athens and satellite campuses as well as brothers from Alpha Rho at Mercer University and Delta Delta from the University of Florida gathered in our pharmacy school lobby. This year's theme was a fun throwback to the well loved cartoon, Avatar: The Last Airbender. As we signed in, we were given a colored belt and assigned to one of 4 teams: earth, air, fire, or water. I secured my green belt tightly to my waist, proud to be a member of the Earth Kingdom. When I sat down with my group, I mingled with the other members of the team and established friendly rapport with the teams around us—until the games began. We started off by testing our math skills; each team member chose a random number and we manipulated these numbers using math to get as close to the random numbers Brother Michelle called out as possible. Following that challenge, Brother Regina gave us 5 minutes to look at 2 pictures that she took and asked us specific questions about the photos. After just two challenges, the Water Tribe dominated! Our team was falling behind, but we stayed positive and had high hopes for the next challenge. Brother

Michelle presented the teams with a “Chopped” challenge. Each team was given \$20 to craft two portions of food with very limited supplies that would be judged based on presentation and taste. The teams quickly planned their dishes and scrambled to the grocery store to choose their ingredients in a timely manner. But wait! There was also a surprise ingredient that each group had to incorporate: Oreos. We chose to take an easier approach to preparing our meal by opting for a pre-made meal in order to focus more on the presentation. Once the teams returned to the pharmacy building, we started to prepare their dishes; we had teams grilling steaks, wrapping spring rolls, and mixing up intricate desserts. Each of the teams added their own flair to the dishes, usually by incorporating the Avatar theme into their work. We wanted our dishes to be Earth Kingdom themed, so we crumbled up Oreos to resemble dirt and scattered them around the rim of our dishes. The Fire Nation included cabbages, a recurring object from the series, in their dish. The judges (Brothers Annie, Joanna, and Shelley) had a wonderful time tasting all the dishes, but I knew it was difficult for them to determine just one winner—everything looked so good! Ultimately, the Air Nomads won this round, but regardless of our loss, it was great to see everyone channeling their creativity and cooking skills! Shortly afterwards, Brother Michelle planned an eating challenge for us. We had to choose one brother to finish a large gra-



Brother Shelley of the Air Nation earned her arrows by inventing the art of taste testing.



Lantus doing his best to look threatening to the opposing team. Watch out! He'll give you some ferocious hypoglycemia.





ham cracker, another brother to finish an entire Hershey's chocolate bar, and one daring brother to eat two jumbo-sized marshmallows, after she/he says chubby bunny. I bravely volunteered myself, for the sake of the Earth Kingdom, to eat the Hershey's chocolate bar. Laughter surrounded us as we watched each other's faces distort with food. We finally settled down for lunch, and after, the final challenges were upon us! The teams split up so that four to five people from each team could play Capture the Flag and the remainder participate in Escape the Room. I supported my team during Capture the Flag, which was broken up into three 20-minute periods with each team claiming and guarding their own territories while trying to steal the others' flags and orbs. The activity tested our physical stamina and soon revealed our competitiveness. Everyone dashed around, keenly lurking in the other territories for a chance to steal an enemy flag. We had to be extra cautious of the territory in the middle—Brothers Michelle and Parin would cover us in Holi powder if we got too close! While we were playing outside, we received news that the Earth Kingdom survived the Escape Room and cheered on our fellow teammates as they joined us on the field. As the games ended, everyone steadily made their way back to help clean up, putting the competition behind and brotherhood at the forefront. Although our team lost pretty badly, we did not seem to mind because in the end, winning didn't matter. We simply enjoyed each other's company and the opportunity to connect with all the brothers present. Following the games, many brothers went on brewery tours and had dinner on campus, allowing everyone to once again become acquainted with one another but on a more intimate level. SERO presented the Alpha Iota brothers with a chance to not only bond amongst ourselves, but also with those from other chapters. I know that I personally loved having time to speak with the brothers from Alpha Rho and Delta Delta, and through our conversations, I learned more about them, their experiences in Phi Delta Chi, and how they run their chapters. It was nice to see how efficiently we worked together as a team and promote brotherhood through this event. Even though we oftentimes were pitted against each other, we all had so much fun with each challenge, and reflecting on the experience, I wish I had even more time to spend with everyone. However, I know that we can still stay in touch, and I cannot wait to reunite and compete with everyone again at the next SERO!

♣ Ann Truong ♣



Thanks, Brothers of Delta Delta and Alpha Rho, for joining us for a rainy Saturday of fun and games! We hope you guys will join us next year as well!



P4, ALUMNI & FACULTY UPDATES

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT: REBECCA HOWELL

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PLEDGE NAME

Beaker

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REGISTRY
NUMBER

AI 981

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PLEDGED
2011

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CLASS OF
2015

What advice would you give the current brothers?

Don't stress over comparing yourself to your peers and fretting over every decision; as long as you work hard, find ways to contribute in ways that you enjoy, and keep yourself together, it'll all work out.

Most interesting thing you've done this past year?

In the last year I've become an active member of the Georgia Garrison of the 501st, a Star Wars themed costuming group. We visit children's hospitals, make appearances for charitable events, and recently established the first international Make A Wish endowment. It's been difficult and fun learning how to create armor, fit and sew costume parts, and weather weapons.

What would you say is your biggest accomplishment post-graduation?

Damning the man and fighting the power. It's a daily struggle and continuing on is its own accomplishment.

What is your current job and explain your average day?

I recently transitioned positions within Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, moving from Scottish Rite where I floated in the main, ED, and oncology units to a role in the main pharmacy at Egleston. In my new job I manage orders for the outpatient infusion center in addition to providing drug information, screening orders for potential problems, and other duties of a staff pharmacist.

What are some of your favorite memories as a collegiate brother?

Winter retreats are among my favorite memories from my time at UGA-board games, real talk, and shenanigans! (Least favorite: meetings)

In what ways, if at all, has being part of PDC impacted your life?

I'm grateful that I was able to become a Brother of Phi Delta Chi; the leadership opportunities and friendships I've made through the organization have made me a better pharmacist and well-rounded person.



Rebecca
"Beaker" Howell
AI 981
Pledge Class of 2011
Outpatient Infusion
Pharmacist





FACULTY SPOTLIGHT : ASHLEY HANNINGS

Dr. Ashley Hannings was initiated as a Brother into the Alpha Iota chapter of Phi Delta Chi in 2007 as a collegiate Brother and has continually given back to Phi Delta Chi ever since. She was Alpha Iota's Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals from 2009-2010 where she organized retreats in addition to secretarial duties and later became a supportive faculty advisor for the chapter in the Fall of 2014. Dr. Hannings always makes time for her collegiate Brothers whether at home in Alpha Iota or abroad. In 2012-2013, during her PGY2 year, Dr. Hannings actively participated in helping the Brothers of the Alpha Gamma chapter win the Thurston Cup. Having a faculty advisor that has been through similar experiences and struggles as the collegiate chapter gives Alpha Iota keen insight into the challenges that we may face and possible solutions to support the chapter. She never tells the chapter what to do but is always willing to give her opinion if asked, and she has spent countless hours discussing how to improve our chapter or helping the Brothers professionally through her vast knowledge on diabetes and vaccinations. Dr. Hannings is sincere, kind, enthusiastic and she attends numerous events and chapters of Alpha Iota to show her support of the Brothers.

This year Dr. Hannings has already been a big help to our chapter. She registered to run our Dr. Seuss themed Annual 5K for St. Jude in October. She attended our homecoming tailgate and encouraged other alumni to come. Dr. Hannings helped to reconnect our chapter to a new faculty brother, Rebecca Stone. Moreover, she helped us spread the word of our annual Faculty Appreciation Breakfast by e-mail-

ing all the faculty and reminding them of this tradition. We would not be able to affectively spread the word without her. Another big way Dr. Hannings has helped our chapter this year was by verifying all initiation events and procedures we do are to code. When the hazing allegations were brought about, our chapter wanted to confirm we were doing things properly. Dr. Hannings sat down with us and analyzed all pledging and initiation procedures and traditions to solidify our risk management. Additionally, Dr. Hannings was a great asset at our Annual Alumni luncheon. She provided essential knowledge to those of us wanting to achieve a residency. Dr. Hannings also gave us great insight on what is it like to be a faculty member and have a practice site. She is a wealth of knowledge and is always willing to help and share her wisdom. Dr. Hannings has a big heart to help others and a strong fraternal spirit.

One example of Dr. Hannings enthusiasm was during the 2015 Grand Council. She supported the Brothers through donations and only asked for one thing in return. During the Thurston Cup awards, she asked the collegiate Brothers to give her a play-by-play of the Thurston Cup rankings. She received the rankings like an enthusiastic sports fan and was ecstatic that Alpha Iota got 3rd in Publications and 11th overall. The one area where Alpha Iota got a lower ranking was in the professional/service area. Dr. Hannings wasn't only sympathetic but excited to think of ideas on how we could improve in this area. This brings us to the most impactful way Dr. Hannings

has helped us this year, Radio RX. Radio RX was a hot program when Dr. Hannings was a colligate brother at the University of Georgia. This a program in which pharmacy students and faculty at the University of Georgia talk about relevant pharmacy/medical topics in today's news. The topics can range from the best way to treat one's cold symptoms to addiction pharmacy and the heroin epidemic. Radio RX had since died out of the chapter's activities. However, Radio RX was brought back for the first time in many years, all thanks of Dr. Hannings. Dr. Hannings not only exemplifies an outstanding faculty advisor but also represents what it means to be a true Brother for life in Phi Delta Chi.

♣ Haley Cook ♣

P4 GOODY BAGS



Brothers hard at work, packing FedEx boxes with trashbags, propane tanks and candy



The end of each year is bittersweet. The collegiate Brothers enjoy the sweet release of summer and join in celebrating with the new graduating class. As the P3s transition to P4s, they are sent to their respective rotation sites, and we see them less often. Sure, there are many ways to stay in touch with one another whether via social media through Facebook chat or snapchats, but online communication is often sterile and impersonal. To bring warmth of the Brotherhood to the various nooks and crannies of Georgia the P4s are shipped off to, collegiate Brothers make and send personalized care packages to our P4 Brothers. The care package program, headed by our WVC Michelle Vu, has always been a hit. Packages include anything from their favorite food, candy, or even funny items to remind the P4 Brother of a shared inside joke. This is one way for the collegiate Brothers to maintain ties with the outgoing class and tell them we miss them dearly.

♣ Pan Nimmanonda ♣

“
THANKS FOR THE GREAT CARE PACKAGE, MICHELLE. MY WIFE AND DENTIST THANK YOU.
”

Joe Angelini

P4 UPDATES

This is the part of the publication where we brag about the awesome residencies and jobs our P4s managed to snag. Congratulations to our overachieving baby pharmacists!

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NATHAN WAYNE-PGY1



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ANDREW RUSSELL - PGY1



RUCHITA AMIN - PGY1



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GAIL SMITH - PGY1



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SHAILY DOSHI - PGY1

MORE P4 UPDATES

Because our P4s are that good.

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KALEY CORLEY - STAFF PHARMACIST



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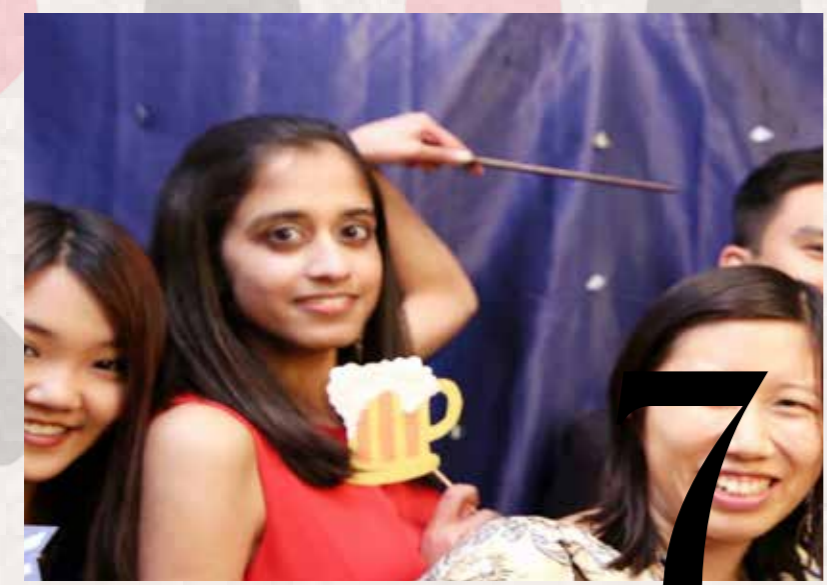
TU-TRINH TRAN - PGY1



DREW WATKINS - STAFF PHARMACIST



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VIDHI DOSHI- PGY1



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JOE ANGELINI - STAFF PHARMACIST

ADDITIONAL P4 UPDATES

The numbering is arbitrary, in case anyone was wondering. I started to put everyone in alphabetical order, but then I thought to myself, "why bother" and stopped.

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YOUN JEOUNG



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JACQUELINE LIU - STAFF PHARMACIST



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017!



SEAN HAWKINS - STAFF PHARMACIST



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FACULTY & ALUMNI UPDATES

Enjoy some more happy and exciting news from our Alumni and Faculty Brothers!

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PERRI
Appeared on TV on May 9th, in an 11 Alive interview segment about how people in our profession can help control medication errors. Thank you, Dr. Perri for advocating for our profession!

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TO-MY DIHN (PLEDGE CLASS OF 2010)

Married partner Khoi Nguyen in October.

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STEPHANIE (PECCIA) SHEDD (PLEDGE CLASS OF 2009)

Married partner Bradley Shedd in October.

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ABEL KUSOSCHI (PLEDGE CLASS OF 2011)
Married his partner, Anca Moscal in April

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CHRIS DOBRY (PLEDGE CLASS OF 2010)
Married partner Katie.

FACULTY & ALUMNI UPDATES

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AH HYUN JUN (PLEDGE CLASS OF 2010) & ALEXANDER NGUYEN (PLEDGE CLASS OF 2011)

Are engaged

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JESSICA (NOICE) LAW (PLEDGE CLASS OF 2011)

And partner Wade welcomed Baby Ruby into their family in February.

JENNIFER LEE & CHRIS STILES (PLEDGE CLASS OF 2010)

Are engaged



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ANNIE ISAAC
And partner Jon welcomed Baby Lael into their family in October.

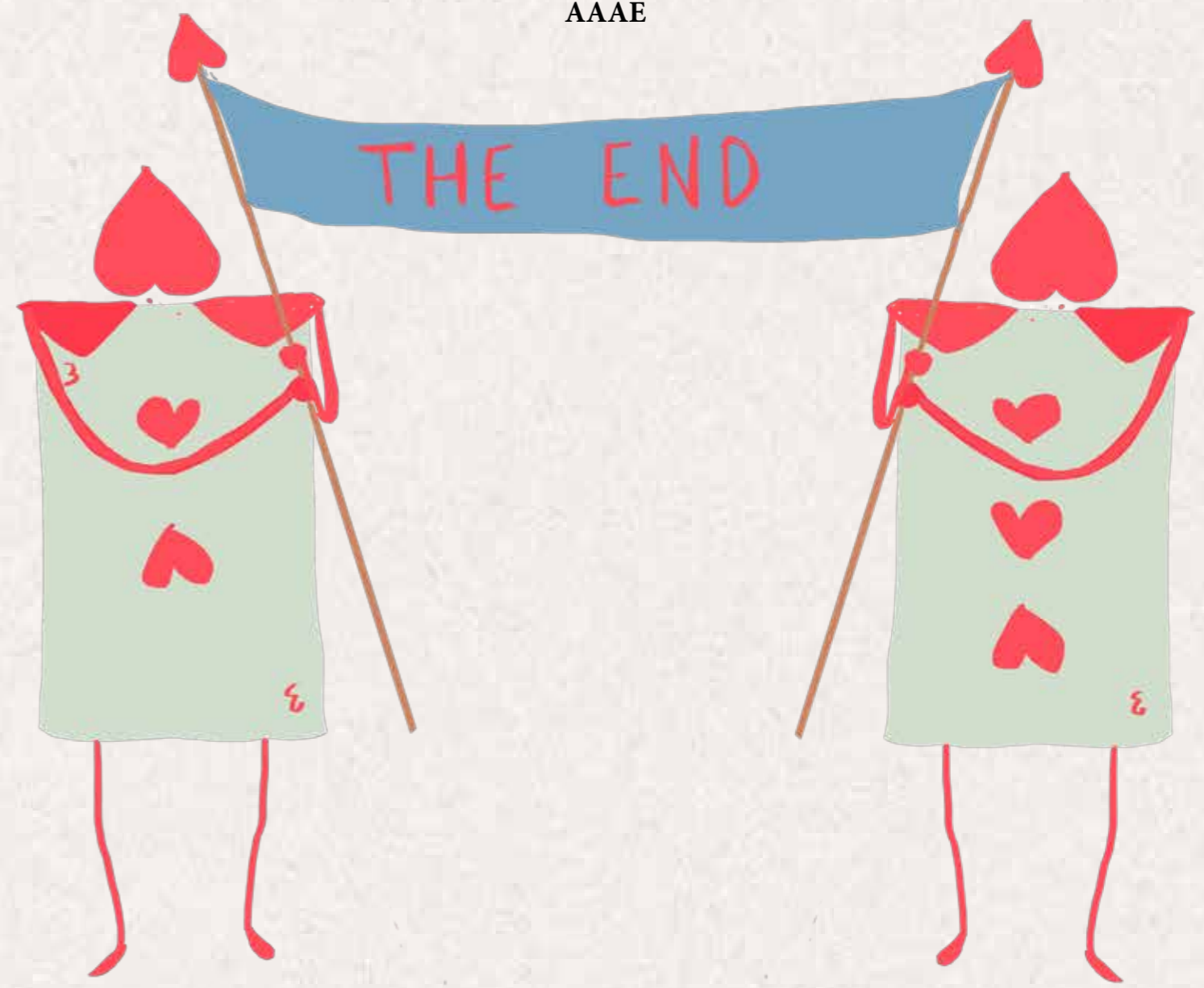
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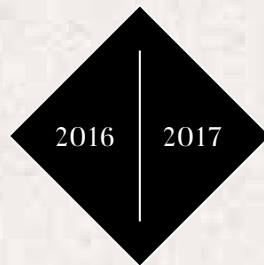
BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING
... AND GO ON

TILL YOU COME TO THE END:
THEN STOP.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to enjoy our little publication. If you arrived at this page because you were trying to read ahead and see if this edition of The Crucible is worth your time, the publication team and I assure you it is. We urge you to start at the beginning though, to fully enjoy this crazy trip down memory lane. We hope you enjoy our light-hearted account of this crazy year.

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